

## Trump: Missiles coming against Syria

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WASHINGTON — Defying Russian warnings against U.S. military strikes in Syria, President Donald Trump said Wednesday that missiles “will be coming” in response to Syria’s suspected chemical attack that killed at least 40 people.

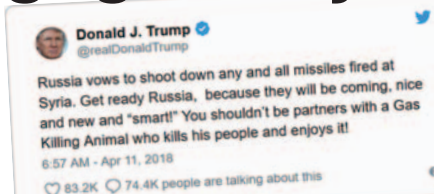
“Russia vows to shoot down any and all missiles fired at Syria,” Trump tweeted. “Get ready Russia, because they will be coming, nice and new and ‘smart!’ You shouldn’t be partners with a Gas Killing Animal

who kills his people and enjoys it!”

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, however, indicated that evidence of what happened in Saturday’s suspected attack near Damascus is still being studied. At a photo-taking session during a meeting with his Dutch counterpart, Mattis was asked by a reporter whether he had seen enough evidence to blame the Syrian government.

“We’re still assessing the intelligence, ourselves and our allies,” Mattis said. “We’re still working on this.”

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### Deployment of troops to border underway

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ROMA, Texas — The deployment of National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border at President Donald Trump’s request was underway Tuesday with a gradual ramp-up of troops under orders to help curb illegal immigration.

The Trump administration also announced that Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen will visit this week a stretch of new border wall breaking ground in New Mexico, putting additional focus on what Trump has called a crisis of migrant crossings and crime.

The construction and commitment of at least 1,600 Guard mem-

bers from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas provoked fresh condemnation from immigrant activists and praise from border-state Republican governors, who will retain command-and-control of their state’s Guard during a mission that for now has no firm end date.

The only holdout border state was California, led by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, who has not announced whether troops from his state’s National Guard will participate and has repeatedly clashed with Trump over immigration policy. The state was still reviewing Tuesday whether it will join the effort, said Lt. Tom Keegan, a spokesman for the California National Guard.

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In this frame from video, a National Guardsman watches over the Rio Grande River on the border in Roma, Texas.

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# MILITARY

## Senator: New Army unit would help Africa

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STUTTGART, Germany — A key U.S. senator is pressing the Army to set aside one of its new Security Forces Assistant Brigades for missions in Africa which are now being carried out by a mix of rotating units.

Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in a letter Monday to Army leadership that U.S. Africa Command would benefit from having a more reliable unit to tap for its expanding advisory mission on the continent.

"As you know, AFRICOM does not have any assigned forces, but must compete for allocated forces within the Department of Defense's global force management process," Inhofe wrote to Army Secretary Mark Esper.

Earlier this year, the Army stood up its first SFAB, which is now advising Afghan troops. The advisory brigades, manned by more experienced enlisted troops and hand-picked officers, are intended to provide relief for special operations forces as well as regular Army units carrying out training and advisory missions. Over time, the SFABs could free



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**Chadian special forces soldiers receive basic rifle marksmanship training at a range in 2017 in Massaguet, Chad, as part of Flintlock 17. A U.S. senator is pushing to get the Army to assign one of the service's new Security Forces Assistance Brigades to U.S. Africa Command.**

up the Army's 58 brigade combat teams to concentrate on building their own combat readiness rather than the advisory missions.

The Army already is looking at Africa, along with Eastern Europe and South Korea, as potential destinations for new SFABs. By the end of 2019, the Army wants five such brigades, which would eventually carry out the bulk of the Pentagon's train, advise and assist missions throughout the world.

"There will always be a need to help build allied or partnered forces, so the SFABs can take on that mission. Which is far better than us doing it with our combat brigades," Esper told Stars and Stripes last month.

While AFRICOM has no assigned forces of its own, it has

been allocated personnel from across the military. There are roughly 7,000 U.S. military personnel operating in Africa at any given time.

AFRICOM already has one regionally aligned Army brigade — currently the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division — which conducts training efforts around Africa and mans a quick-reaction force in Djibouti.

The command also shares assets with U.S. European Command, which included a Marine task force focused on crisis response missions in Africa. Much of AFRICOM's more sensitive missions are carried out by special operations forces in places such as Somalia and Niger, where troops engage in occasional combat. It's unlikely the SFABs would

move into those missions, which also involve the training of indigenous special operations units. The Army has said SFABs are to focus on regular ground forces.

However, for the bulk of AFRICOM training that focuses on partnering with regular African army units, the SFABs would be a good fit, Inhofe said.

"The new SFABs are designed specifically for this type of mission and are manned appropriately," Inhofe wrote. "Assigning an SFAB would also reduce the requirements of allocating a BCT and allowing it to focus on its training and maintaining the highest levels of readiness to meet ... operational plans."

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## Kaiserslautern police make arrests in burglaries

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Kaiserslautern police have arrested members of a burglary ring suspected of targeting the homes of American civilians and servicemembers over the past two years throughout the Kaiserslautern and Kusel areas, officials said Wednesday.

More than 100 items were seized during a search last month of an apartment used by a ring member, including jewelry, rare coins, a mounted coin of President John F. Kennedy, collectible lighters and brand-name watches common in the United States but not in Germany, said Kaiserslautern police detective Stefan Secker. The value of goods is estimated at several thousand euros, he said.

Secker urged residents to lock the doors of their homes and motor vehicles, saying that Americans tend to make themselves easy targets by leaving them unsecured. About 20 homes were affected, he said. He wouldn't reveal how many people were arrested, citing tactical reasons.



Courtesy Kaiserslautern Police

**Items seized by Kaiserslautern Police included this John F. Kennedy half-dollar.**

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## PACIFIC

## US Fleet Forces leader tapped to head PACOM

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Adm. Philip Davidson, head of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, has been nominated to lead U.S. Pacific Command, the Department of Defense said Tuesday.

He will replace Adm. Harry Harris, who is expected to retire in May and has been nominated for the ambassadorship to Australia.

Davidson took over U.S. Fleet Forces in December 2014. He previously commanded the 6th Fleet and was deputy commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Naval Forces Africa. He also commanded Carrier Strike Group 8/Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group.

Historically, the sitting commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet is tapped to lead PACOM. But Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Scott Swift announced last fall he



Davidson

high-profile collisions involving the USS Fitzgerald and the USS John S. McCain that killed 17 sailors last year. The incidents brought increased scrutiny upon the Navy, resulting in a wave of punishments that forced several leaders into early retirement and caused several others to be relieved of their duties.

In the wake of the collisions, Davidson, a seasoned surface warfare officer, was

tasked with completing a comprehensive review of surface fleet operations and incidents at sea over the past decade, with special attention to the 7th Fleet.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, Davidson has earned decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V."

"He served earlier in his career in policy, strategy and operations billets on multiple tours with the U.S. Pacific Fleet staff, the Navy staff and the Joint Staff, and as the Navy's military aide to the vice president of the United States," his Navy biography states.

Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, commander of Pacific Air Forces, had been under consideration to head PACOM, according to recent news reports. He will instead take over U.S. Northern Command, as well as command of North American Aerospace Defense Command at Peterson

Air Force Base, Colo., the Pentagon said. O'Shaughnessy also serves as the air component commander for U.S. Pacific Command and the executive director of Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

A 1986 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, O'Shaughnessy has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels, including the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base, Japan, and the 613th Air Support Operations Center at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Prior to his current assignment, O'Shaughnessy was the deputy commander, United Nations Command Korea; deputy commander, U.S. Forces Korea; commander, Air Component Command, South Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command; and commander, 7th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, at Osan Air Base, South Korea.

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## Japan to upgrade island's air defenses

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Japan will soon upgrade its radar capabilities on Iwo To — an island known to Americans as Iwo Jima — in an attempt to shore up air defenses on the Pacific side of its territory in response to China's military activities in the region.

The nation's Ministry of Defense plans to upgrade the FPS-2 radar already in place on the island with a fixed warning and control radar that can interface with the Japan Aerospace Defense Ground Environment system, a ministry spokesman told Stars and Stripes.

The upgrade, which will cost approximately \$4.7 million, is expected to "improve monitoring capability of the area surrounding Iwo To" and will be completed by fiscal 2020.

In the past, Japan has covered the area using a mix of P-3C Orion aircraft and Aegis-equipped vessels but lacked a permanent system, the spokesman said. Japan's FPS-2 radar is used only during training.

"There were no units placed on the islands on the Pacific Ocean side, such as Ogasawara islands, which conducted monitoring of the area... and the area was without an air defense capability," the

spokesman said.

The ministry is considering "the best" system possible for the island per the current defense program and mid-term defense program guidelines, the spokesman said.

The move is directly related to China, which has been rapidly modernizing its navy and military in recent years and asserting itself more in the region. In August, six Chinese H-6 bombers passed between Okinawa's main island and Miyako Island heading north to Kii Peninsula.

"The activities by Chinese aircraft in surrounding areas of our country have become more active and expanding its area of operation," the spokesman said.

Iwo To was taken by American forces at the tail end of World War II at a heavy cost in lives to both sides. The name Iwo Jima had been incorrectly applied by Japanese officers fortifying the volcanic island, marked by its black sand beaches, and it stuck, The Associated Press reported. The island was reverted back to Japanese control in 1968 and was kept as a military training site.

Its name was changed back to its pre-war name of Iwo To in 2007. Iwo To, like Iwo Jima, means "sulfur island."

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BROOKE DEITERS/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Japan plans to upgrade the FPS-2 radar already in place on Iwo To with a fixed warning and control radar that can interface with the Japan Aerospace Defense Ground Environment system.



KELLY SCHINDLER/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

A Navy MQ-4C Triton lands at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., in 2014. Two of the spy planes are scheduled to deploy to Guam this year and two more by 2021.

## Navy is deploying Tritons to Guam

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

The Navy's first two operational MQ-4C Triton spy planes are slated to deploy to Guam later this year, a Navy official said Monday.

The service will send two more Tritons to Guam by 2021 for surveilling Pacific Ocean hot spots, Triton program manager Capt. Dan Mackin told reporters Monday at the Navy League's Sea Air Space exposition in Maryland.

The high-altitude drones will be able to provide combat information to expeditionary and carrier strike groups and can communicate directly with the Navy's manned P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

The addition of the land-based drones, which weigh about 16 tons and have a 131-foot wingspan, comes at a crucial time in the Pacific.

At a Senate committee hearing in March, U.S. Pacific Command chief Adm. Harry Harris told lawmakers that he did not have enough spy aircraft "because there isn't enough to go around."

He said he lacked the needed intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or ISR, aircraft to verify any future denuclearization agreement that might come out of the upcoming proposed meeting between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea.

China's increased activities in the South China Sea, where it has militarized disputed islands, have also intensified the need for U.S. surveillance. Beijing has installed electronic jamming equipment on two of the artificial islands it has built in the sea, the

Wall Street Journal reported Monday.

Mackin said that four Tritons operating out of Guam will allow continuous 24-hour, seven-day orbit.

"One on the way out, one on station, one on the way back and one in maintenance," he said.

The first pair of Tritons will be able to track targets on water surfaces from as high as 60,000 feet. The data will be transmitted to Naval Station Mayport, Fla., or Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash.

The information could also be sent to the Navy's submarine-hunting P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

"One of the main reasons that the Navy decided to fund Triton was to have that teaming arrangement, to be able to communicate back and forth between P-8s and the Triton aircraft," Mackin said. "One of the primary missions of P-8 is to do the anti-submarine warfare and ISR, not necessarily things you want to do at the same time."

The capability of the two types of aircraft to "chat" means "situational awareness of the fleet will be enhanced," he said.

Made by Northrop Grumman, the MQ-4C Triton is based on the Air Force's RQ-4B Global Hawk surveillance drone. The Air Force operates a small fleet of Global Hawks out of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, although five of them were moved to Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo for several months last year because of favorable weather conditions.

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## PACIFIC

# US carrier sails in disputed sea in show of force

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ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, South China Sea — As fighter jets streaked overhead, a U.S. aircraft carrier sailed through the South China Sea on Tuesday in the latest display of America's military might after China built a string of islands with military facilities to assert its claims in the strategic waters, sparking regional alarm.

The U.S. Navy flew a small group of Philippine generals, officials and journalists to the USS Theodore Roosevelt, where fighter jets landed and took off by catapult with thunderous blasts. The nuclear-powered carrier and its 65 supersonic F18 jets, spy planes and helicopters were en route to Manila.

Recent U.S. deployments of aircraft carriers, backed by destroyers, to perform freedom-of-navigation exercises to Beijing's territorial claims are reassuring allies but also prompting concerns with China's own show of force in the busy waterway.

"It's a showcase of the capability of the U.S. armed forces not only by sea but also by air," Philippine army Lt. Gen. Rolando Bautista said after joining a tour of the 97,000-ton carrier.

"The Americans are our friends. In one way or another, they can help us to deter any threat," Bautista said, adding that the American military presence helps secure vulnerable Philippine waters.

At least twice this year, the U.S. Navy



JIM GOMEZ/AP

Rear Admiral Steve Koehler, facing camera, commander Carrier Strike Group 9 of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, briefs top Philippine generals Tuesday in international waters off the South China Sea.

has deployed destroyers in freedom-of-navigation sail-bys near Chinese-occupied Scarborough Shoal, which Beijing wrestled from the Philippines in 2012, and Manila-claimed Mischief Reef, which Chinese forces occupied in 1995.

Another U.S. carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, patrolled the contested waters last month, taking part in anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea with Japanese forces and visiting Vietnam with its 5,000-strong

crew, the largest such U.S. military presence there since the Vietnam War ended in 1975.

China has protested those moves, calling it U.S. meddling in an Asian conflict, and renewed warnings to Washington to stay away. Beijing has also reportedly been holding large-scale naval exercises in the area featuring its only operating aircraft carrier, while its air force says it recently sent some of its most advanced fighters and bombers

for "joint combat patrols" over the sea.

Those included H-6K long-range strategic bombers that carry DH-20 long-range land-attack cruise missiles, giving them the ability to hit targets as far away as Australia, along with Russian-made Su-35 fighters.

"What we see now is a show of force and a counter show of force in the South China Sea," said Roilo Golez, a former Philippine national security adviser and congressman.

While the moves could increase the risks of miscalculation and accidental clashes, Washington's superior naval power could serve as deterrence to Chinese aggression, Golez said.

Despite occasional exchanges of rhetoric, U.S. Rear Admiral Steve Koehler told reporters on board the Roosevelt that it has been smooth sailing so far, with U.S., Chinese and other forces engaging each other professionally.

"I haven't seen any dangerous interaction," Koehler said, adding that problems could be avoided "if all the navies are operating in accordance with the international norm and law."

Washington stakes no claims in the territorial disputes but has declared that their peaceful resolution and the maintenance of freedom of navigation are in its national interest.

American officials have said U.S. Navy ships will continue sailing close to Chinese-occupied areas without prior notice, placing Washington on a continuing collision course with China's interests.

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PACIFIC

# Marine sentenced to hard labor in Okinawa fatal crash

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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NAHA CITY, Okinawa — The Okinawa-based Marine who pleaded guilty last month in the drunken-driving death of a 61-year-old Japanese man has been sentenced to four years in prison with hard labor.

Lance Cpl. Nicholas James-McLean, 22, had been charged with negligent driving causing death and driving under the influence of alcohol in the Nov. 19 head-on collision that took the life of Hidemasa Taira. He appeared before a three-judge panel for sentencing Wednesday morning in Naha District Court.

The Camp Kinser-based Marine also faced substantial fines, though none was assessed at sentencing.

"His behavior was extremely dangerous, therefore his fault is great," chief judge Toshihiro Shibata said while reading the verdict. "As a result the victim lost his precious life ... It is inevitable that the defendant would receive the prison sentence."

Shibata credited James-

McLean with admitting guilt and showing remorse, two things that are weighed heavily in the Japanese legal system. He also pointed out that James-McLean had no prior criminal record.

James-McLean — wearing a gray sweatshirt and dark blue sweatpants and sporting a short beard — listened intently while the verdict was read but sat expressionless. He was not given an opportunity to speak. Several American supporters were seated in the gallery.

At his one-day trial on March 19, James-McLean said he did not know why he got behind the wheel the day of the crash.

"Stupidity," he said. "It shouldn't have happened. I know his family will never forgive me, and I will never forgive myself but all I can say is I'm sorry."

Taira's family had called for a "severe" punishment in the case. They did not speak or release a statement immediately after the verdict was read.

James-McLean's attorney, Tetsu Amakata, was unsure whether or not his client would appeal the court's decision. They

have two weeks to do so.

James-McLean was "slightly injured" in the crash, which occurred about 5:30 a.m. at an intersection in the Tomari section of Naha, just south of Camp Kinser. His U.S. government-owned Isuzu Elf collided head-on with Taira's minitruck. Taira later died at a hospital from chest wounds and bleeding.

The Marine, who was off duty, had a blood-alcohol content level three times Japan's legal limit of 0.03 percent when he was tested four hours after the crash, prosecutors said at trial. They believe James-McLean's BAC may have been as much as five times over Japan's limit.

All 50 U.S. states have set 0.08 as the legal limit for driving under the influence or driving while impaired.

At trial, prosecutors played a video of the crash captured by another motorist. It showed James-McLean going through a red light. Taira had a green arrow and was making a right turn.

They also recounted James-McLean's actions prior to the crash. He had consumed alcohol



Screenshot from Tokyo Broadcasting System

This is the Marine-driven vehicle involved in a fatal crash in November in Naha, Okinawa.

on base and at a Chatan bar before returning to Camp Kinser after midnight. The next morning, he got into a U.S. government-owned vehicle he used for his job in the maintenance department.

News of Taira's death spurred a wave of anti-American sentiment on the small island prefecture, which already hosts a small but potent anti-base protest movement, backed by popular support.

In response, U.S. Forces Japan banned the purchase and consumption of alcohol for the approximately 50,000 U.S. troops deployed across Japan, imposed

a strict midnight-to-5 a.m. curfew for Japan-based servicemembers and canceled all liberty on Okinawa.

The ban was relaxed on Nov. 30, allowing U.S. troops to once again purchase alcoholic beverages on base and drink them in their on- or off-base homes. USFJ's Japan-wide curfew, which applies only to lower enlisted servicemembers and runs from 1 to 5 a.m., went back into effect the following month.

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## MILITARY

# DOD students get high marks in national tests

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The latest national test results show that U.S. military students are right up there with academic powerhouse Massachusetts.

Scores from the 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress exams were released Tuesday, and the Department of Defense Education Activity held its own against the state that traditionally outperforms the nation in student assessments.

In fact, DODEA eighth-graders topped Massachusetts and the rest of the country in NAEP reading scores, while DODEA fourth-graders tied with their counterparts in Massachusetts and Minnesota on the NAEP math assessment.

Also known as the Nation's Report Card, NAEP is the largest ongoing assessment of what U.S. students know and can do. The latest results reflect math and reading scores of 585,000 fourth- and eighth-grade students in districts and states across the country to look at the rest.

Results for the nation reflect the performance of students attending public

schools, private schools, Bureau of Indian Education schools and Defense Department schools. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and DODEA participated.

DODEA was near the top in the other NAEP categories. The school system's fourth-graders scored second in the nation in reading — behind Massachusetts — while DODEA eighth-graders tied for third with New Hampshire in math, after Massachusetts and Minnesota.

In all four testing areas, DODEA students scored significantly higher than the national average, noted the agency's director, Thomas M. Brady.

"We are extremely proud of our students' performance" on the 2017 NAEP math and reading assessments, Brady said in a statement.

"Our students' strong performance was especially significant in light of the fact that this was the first year of digitally based administration of the NAEP assessments in our schools," Brady said.

Last year's administration of the assessment was the first to be conducted digitally. About 80 percent of students in 2017

took the test on digital devices, while 20 percent used traditional pencil-and-paper tests, according to Education Week.

Collectively, students' scores across the nation remained flat, showing little change from 2015, when the tests were last given.

But DODEA students increased their average scores in all subjects, except for fourth-grade reading, where the average score remained at 234 on NAEP's 500-point scale.

Here is a further breakdown of some of the DODEA results:

■ DODEA fourth-graders had an average score of 234 on the reading assessment, compared with the public school average nationwide of 221. Forty-eight percent were at or above the NAEP proficient level, compared with the national average of 35 percent. Students deemed proficient demonstrate solid academic performance and competency over challenging subject matter, according to NAEP.

■ DODEA eighth-graders in reading scored an average of 280, three points higher than eighth-graders did in 2015 and 15 points higher than the national average of 265. Fifty-one percent were at or above

proficient, compared with 35 percent nationally.

■ DODEA fourth-graders scored an average of 249 on math, one point higher than in 2015 and 10 points above the national average. Fifty-one percent were at or above proficient, compared with 40 percent nationally.

■ DODEA eighth-graders scored an average of 293 on math, compared with 282 nationally; that was two points higher than eighth-grade scores in math in 2015. Forty-two percent were at or above proficient, compared with 40 percent nationally.

■ Scores are also broken down by ethnicity. Among DODEA fourth-graders, white students outperformed their black, Hispanic and Asian counterparts, on average, in reading, while Asian students scored the highest, on average, in math in the fourth grade. Among DODEA eighth-graders, Asian students were tops in math and nearly equal with students identifying as white in reading.

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## Expo showcases military's new, upcoming technology

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OXON HILL, Md. — The convention hall housing the Navy League's 2018 Sea-Air-Space Exposition at the National Harbor in Maryland was packed with military technological wonders large and small.

Companies as large as Boeing and Bell presented their latest defense projects, while smaller, niche groups such as Creatrex Education sought to expand their reach with low-key demonstrations.

"The military was there in force, showcasing tech in production along with gear they hope to field in the near future."

### Tilt-rotor technology

Aeronautical tech giant Bell was on hand at the expo, primarily to showcase its next-generation Navy helicopter trainer, the 407GX1.

This upgrade to the helicopter trainers used by Navy aviators offers a more direct, more modern pipeline from training to the fleet.

The TH-57 (Sea Ranger) is very capable. So the Navy is turning out pilots, they're still able to meet mission every year, but they know the aircraft is getting older and it's time to retire it," said Scott Clifton, Bell's director for domestic and business development.

The Sea Rangers have been in use since the Vietnam War, according to Naval Air Systems Command, and became the Navy's primary training helicopter in the 1980s. With its age and the disparity between its capabilities and what pilots might fly in the fleet, Clifton said the newer 407GX1 will make the transition from training to operational go more smoothly.



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**A man checks out a model of the V-247 Vigilant, a tilt-rotor unmanned aerial vehicle in development by Bell, at the Navy League's 2018 Sea-Air-Space Exposition at National Harbor, Md.**

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from the Osprey's development to the next generation of tilt-rotor aircraft.

"The Army is looking ahead at what's next beyond helicopters and the idea that you need to go farther, faster," Clifton said. "So, the idea is to take all that knowledge we've built up on tilt-rotors and apply that into something for the next generation. It's not the fight for today; it's the fight for tomorrow."

The Valor is a long way from operational use — it had its first official flight in December.

Farther off is the V-247 Vigilant, Bell's unmanned aerial vehicle designed with tilt-rotor technology. The drone was built for the Marine Corps to have an unmanned platform capable of taking off from ships.

"The idea is to take everything we've learned on tilt-rotor and now we've applied it to the un-

manned space," Clifton said.

The Vigilant will be capable of everything from electronic warfare to air-to-air combat, he said, all within the size of an aircraft that can be folded to the size of an H-1 helicopter.

Production of the Vigilant is tentatively set for 2023, Clifton said.

### 3-D printing

Not all of the tech at the Sea-Air-Space Expo was in development. Some — such as the 3-D printing display by Marine Corps Systems Command — were showcasing current tech in ingenious new ways.

Master Sgt. Gage Coduto, an explosive ordnance technician with the EOD Technology Division, showed how 3-D printing can save money and cut down on wasted man-hours.

He said Marine EOD units are using 3-D printing machines to create components ranging from doorknobs to water charges. The parts can be made in a matter of hours, bypassing the often lengthy and cumbersome bureaucracy of the supply chain.

"Quick replacement parts, innovative ideas, long-delay items ... things that we have a hard time getting, we can make them on the spot, get them to the field and get them done," Coduto said.

That flexibility saves money; printed components cost a fraction of normal replacement parts. It's a boon for the EOD training community since many of the plastic polymer replacement parts are hard to be blown up.

The 3-D printers at the expo were in the lower price range — about \$2,500 each, he said. More advanced models can create operational components out of metal.

While Coduto said 3-D printing isn't a one-stop solution for

manufacturing needs, the ability to quickly produce components when and where needed could change the face of military supply and logistics.

### Creatrex Education

Creatrex Education is a relatively new company, arriving on the scene in 2012 with an interesting mission: Get kids excited by science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM.

Their plan is to get kids to build flying drones at school. Creatrex representatives will go to interested schools and guide teachers in building drones to fly in their gyms.

Creatrex co-owner Terence Fagan said there are three model kits. The first is a basic snap-together model designed for fourth- and fifth-graders. The second, created for middle school students, introduces soldering and software to the mix. The high school version is made of metal and is a more complex, powerful model.

While robotics clubs exist in schools across the globe, Creatrex hopes their flying drone projects will pique the interest of even more potential STEM majors.

"The big thing that they're learning is confidence," Creatrex co-owner Gerald Holt said, "as well as working through failure and difficult situations. So, at the end of it they should have the skills that a hands-on engineer would need."

Administrators interested in the drone program can contact Creatrex at [www.creatrexeducation.com](http://www.creatrexeducation.com).

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# MILITARY



MATT YORK/AP

**A Customs and Border Patrol agent patrols the international border Tuesday near Nogales, Ariz. The Republican governors of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico on Monday committed 1,600 Guard members to the border.**

## Border: No end date for deployments has been set

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In Texas, where Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has pledged to put more than 1,000 Guard members into action, military officials said Tuesday that 300 troops would report to armories this week for preparation and training. Texas has previously kept about 100 Guard members stationed on the border for years as part of its own border security efforts.

"What is different now is it happening in a different context and a different narrative," said Fernando Garcia, director of the Border Network for Human Rights, an immigrant advocacy group.

Speaking from the Rio Grande Valley where immigrant crossings are the highest along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, Garcia said, "When you hear the narrative of the president, it seems to him the enemy is the immigrant family."

Abbott said in a statement Tuesday that the Guard has "proven to have a meaningful impact" in reducing immigration and crime.

In the Texas border town of Roma, about a half-dozen uniformed Guard members were seen Tuesday near an international bridge along the Rio Grande. Children played just across the river in Mexico, and it wasn't clear whether the Guard members were new or part of Texas' earlier observe-and-report missions.

One Guard member was armed with an M4 rifle and used binoculars to peer across the river. Pickup trucks with Guard members inside circled the town square along with border patrol vehicles. Mexican children who had attended school on the U.S. side of the border showed their passports and paid a toll to cross a bridge over the river and walk home to the Mexican community

of Ciudad Miguel Alemán.

Trump said last week he wants to send 2,000 to 4,000 National Guard members to the border, issuing a proclamation citing "the lawlessness that continues at our southern border."

Trump administration officials have said that rising numbers of people being caught at the southern border, while in line with seasonal trends in recent years, require an immediate response.

Monthly border arrests surpassed 50,000 in March for the first time since December 2016. The Border Patrol, which polices between but not at official crossings, made more than 37,000 of those arrests, including more than 14,000 in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, nearly 6,000 in its Tucson, Ariz., sector and more than 4,000 in San Diego.

Inspectors at official crossings made nearly 13,000 arrests in March, led by the Laredo, Texas, field office with more than 4,800 and the San Diego field office with about 3,800.

Apprehensions are still well below their historical trends during the terms of former Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, both of whom also deployed the Guard to the border. There is no end date for the deployment, Abbott said, adding, "We may be in this for the long haul."

Trump has said he wants to use the military at the border until progress is made on his proposed border wall, which has mostly stalled in Congress. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis last Friday approved paying for up to 4,000 National Guard personnel from the Pentagon budget through the end of September.

Mexico's foreign relations secretary said his government is evaluating its cooperation with the United States.

# Guard troops are deployed amid questions on mission

BY CLAUDIA GRISALES

Stars and Stripes

**WASHINGTON** — As more than 1,600 National Guard troops deploy to the U.S.-Mexico border to assist with security, preparing a clear plan for their mission remains a challenge.

The troops pledged by the governors of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico add up to a figure close to the lower end of President Donald Trump's goal of sending 2,000 to 4,000 troops.

But as plans neared the one-week mark since Trump's directive for states to deploy the troops to the border, much confusion remained. The troops' mission, the number of states participating, timing and cost still remained largely unclear.

"States are still digesting the proclamation," said Mark P. Nevitt, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. "Trump's proclamation to deploy the (National Guard) was not driven by requests from the states for federal funding and support — unlike in 2006 and 2010. This is unique."

Unlike previous efforts under former Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush, a rushed call for the deployments by the White House and reluctant state critics to contribute to the plan has made for a rocky launch.

Under Trump's April 4 memorandum, state governors are in the driver's seat on whether to deploy National Guard troops to the border. Trump's request was issued under Title 32 of the U.S. Code, which designates a state-led operation that is federally funded.

Although the three other states that border Mexico have pledged troops, Democratic California Gov. Jerry Brown, a staunch opponent of Trump's immigration policies, has yet to issue support for the plan.

So far, the Pentagon has offered some brief details on the operation, saying the troops would provide air support and road and infrastructure maintenance and help operate surveillance systems. The troops will not be conducting arrests.

While opposition by governors in some nonborder states — such as Oregon and Nevada — could help slow the overall effort, it won't halt it, said Mark Cancian, a senior adviser at Washington think tank the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"States can make it harder but they can't stop the president's policy," he said. This is drawing opposition because "it's symbolic of the president's immigration policy. It's going to get some opposition. Under a different president and a different time, these states may have gone along with it."

The same effort triggered by Trump last week has been used in recent years by former presidents.

In 2006, more than 6,000 National Guard members were deployed in support roles to the southern border under Bush, while 1,200 were dispatched under Obama in 2010.

Today, participating states are scrambling to replicate the effort. "Each state (National Guard) bureau will work with the federal government" to the scope of the activity, Nevitt said. "But as command-and-control resides with the state governor, they can limit and define their participation. Those negotiations are likely occurring now."

The funding will likely come from the personnel budget for the National Guard, which for fiscal year 2018 is about \$12 billion, said Andrew Sherbo, a University of Denver finance professor who

has tracked government and defense budget issues.

**'States can make it harder but they can't stop the president's policy.'**

**Mark Cancian**  
Center for Strategic and International Studies

added.

"The Guard may simply be doing training on the border," so that could mean marginal personnel costs, Sherbo noted.

For now, it appears Texas, Arizona and New Mexico will deploy the largest share of troops.

Texas, which is leading the charge, deployed 250 troops Friday and plans to deploy 300 troops weekly until more than 1,000 are stationed at the U.S.-Mexico border, Gov. Greg Abbott said.

"Texas is preparing to increase our National Guard presence to more than 1,000 along our southern border," Abbott said Tuesday in a statement.

The first wave of 250 Texas-deployed troops began planning for follow-on forces and a wave of 300 troops will report this week to armories for required processing and training before being equipped for the mission, according to the Texas Military Department, which is the military arm

for the Lone Star state.

Those troops will provide support that will free up Border Patrol agents by assisting with surveillance, operating detection systems, providing mobile communications, assisting with border-related intelligence and providing aviation assets, transportation, training and other missions, the state's military department said.

Arizona officials said 250 troops were deployed Monday followed by another 113 Tuesday. The Guard members will provide support to federal, state, county, tribal and local law enforcement agencies to stop illicit activity such as the flow of trafficked people, criminals, narcotics, weapons and ammunition, according to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

"I am grateful for this administration's actions to address border security," Gov. Doug Ducey said Monday in an opinion piece for USA Today. "But with a border nearly 373 miles — longer than the entire length of Pennsylvania — we can't do this on our own."

New Mexico, meanwhile, said it will deploy 80 National Guard members later this week, and eventually reach 250 for the state's operations.

"We are proud of our soldiers and the work they continually do in order to keep New Mexico safe," Gov. Susana Martinez's office said in a statement.

Critics of the plan have accused Trump of using the National Guard as part of a political move, especially in light of Department of Homeland Security data showing arrests for illegal border crossings had reached a 46-year low by December.

White House officials, along with other supporters such as Abbott, have since said they expect those figures to tick up dramatically this spring.

Trump has said the military would be deployed until a border wall is built — one of the president's central campaign promises.

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## NATION

# Speaker to retire in 2019

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WASHINGTON — Claiming he's accomplished a "heckuva lot," House Speaker Paul Ryan announced Wednesday he will not run for re-election and will retire next year, injecting another layer of uncertainty as Republicans face worries over losing their majority in the fall.

The Wisconsin Republican cast the decision as a personal one, saying he did not want his children growing up with a "week-end dad." He told reporters he believes he's leaving with strong accomplishments his party can sell to voters ahead of November elections.

"I have given this job everything I have," he said. "We're going to have a great record to run on."

Ryan's plans have been the source of much speculation and will set off a scramble among his lieutenants to take the helm. A state-of-the-art budget guru, Ryan had made tax cuts a centerpiece of his legislative agenda, and a personal cause, and Congress delivered on that last year.

Ryan, 48, first announced his plans at a closed-door meeting of House Republicans in Washington Monday morning. His tone was somber, and he read directly from prepared remarks. Rep. Mark Walker, R-N.C., said an emotional Ryan "choked up a few times trying to get through" his remarks to colleagues and received three standing ovations.

Moments later, Ryan told re-



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

**House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., announces Wednesday that he will not run for re-election at the end of his term.**

porters that if he were to stay for one more term, his children — now all teens — would only know him as a weekend dad.

"I can't let that happen," he said.

The speaker called extended family and a few close friends Tuesday night and alerted a few staff. On Wednesday morning, he called the president and the vice president and informed the rest of his staff before going to the conference meeting, officials said.

Ryan, who has had a difficult relationship with President Donald Trump, thanked the president for giving him the chance to move the GOP ahead.

Ryan, a Republican from Janesville, Wis., was first elected to Congress in 1998. Along with Reps. Eric Cantor and Kevin McCarthy, he branded himself a rising "Young Gun" in an aging party.

He became the GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney's running mate in 2012.

Ryan was pulled into the leadership job by the abrupt retirement of House Speaker John Boehner in 2015. Boehner had struggled to wrangle the chamber's restless conservative wing and failed to the seal big-picture deals on fiscal policy he sought. Ryan had more trust with the hardliners in the House, but had no more suc-

cess in brokering fundamental reform of entitlement he sought.

He ultimately had to wrestle with another unexpected challenge: Trump, a president with little of Ryan's interest in policy detail or ideological purity. The two have had not had a close working relationship.

House Majority Leader McCarthy, a Republican from California known to be tighter with Trump, is expected to seek the speaker post. He will likely compete with House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, of Louisiana, for the job. Both men spoke at the closed-door meeting Wednesday, delivering tributes to Ryan.

In Wisconsin, the most likely Republican candidate is state Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, multiple Republicans in the state said. Vos did not immediately return telephone or text messages.

Another Republican mentioned as a potential candidate is longtime Ryan family friend and Ryan backer Bryan Steil, an attorney and member of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents. Steil did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

Democrat Randy Bryce, a colorful ironworker who has cultivated an "IronStache" moniker, had been Ryan's best-known challenger, drawing liberal support from around the country.

# Trump vents about Russia probe, says White House is calm

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump insisted that all was "very calm and calculated" at the White House, even as he vented Wednesday about the Russia probe, complained about Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and served noticed that "nice and new and 'smart'" missiles will be coming down on Syria.

Trump, who was so incensed by the FBI's raid of his personal attorney's office and hotel room that he's privately pondered firing Rosenstein, let loose on Twitter on Wednesday against the deputy attorney general and special counsel Robert Mueller. He said the Russia probe was "headed up by the all Democrat loyalists, or people that worked for Obama. Mueller is most conflicted of all (except Rosenstein who signed FISA & Cohen letter). No Collusion, so they go crazy!"

Trump also tweeted: "No Collusion or Obstruction (other than I fight back, so now they do the Unthinkable, and RAID lawyers office for information! BAD!)" And he insisted the White House was "Very calm and calculated."

The raid, in which agents seized attorney Michael Cohen's records on topics including a \$130,000 payment to a porn actress who alleges she had sex with Trump, left the president more angry than advisers had seen him in weeks, according to five people familiar with the president's views but not authorized to discuss them publicly.

Nervous White House aides expressed new fears about the president's unpredictability in

the face of the Cohen raid, which he viewed as an assault on a longtime defender and a sign that Mueller's probe into ties between Russia and the Trump campaign was "going too far."

House Speaker Paul Ryan, for his part, tried to douse speculation Trump might fire Rosenstein or Mueller, saying: "I have no reason to believe that that's going to happen. I have assurances that it's not." He added that he had been "talking to people in the White House about it."

Trump has canceled plans to attend the Summit of the Americas over the weekend as well as an overnight visit to Colombia, citing the need to monitor the situation in Syria.

But the president had been telling confidants for weeks that he was not eager to make the three-day trip, according to two people who have discussed it with him in recent weeks but were not authorized to disclose the private conversations. And privately, Trump said he didn't want to be away from the White House amid developments in the China trade dispute and in the Mueller investigation.

Trump also expressed confidence in the loyalty displayed by Cohen, his longtime personal and professional fixer, who ascended to one of the most powerful roles at the Trump Organization not filled by a family member. Cohen has steadfastly denied wrongdoing in his \$130,000 payment to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels and has publicly defended Trump, but he has confided in associates that he is fearful of being a fall guy, according to a person familiar with his thinking but not authorized to speak publicly about private discussions.

# Special Forces vet to lead effort to create memorial for terrorism war

By NIKKI WENTLING  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The nonprofit, conceived the idea for the memorial in 2014 and shepherd legislation through Congress to allow for its construction. President Donald Trump signed the bill in August.

Michael "Rod" Rodriguez, an Army Special Forces veteran, will now lead the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation through the yearslong, multistep process to raise funds for the memorial, select a site, design and construct it.

Andrew Brennan, who founded the nonprofit, conceived the idea for the memorial in 2014 and shepherd legislation through Congress to allow for its construction. President Donald Trump signed the bill in August.

Brennan is no longer part of the nonprofit. He declined to comment on the situation, instead



Courtesy of the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation

**Michael Rodriguez was named Monday as the new director of the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation.**

referring questions to the foundation's new leadership.

Rodriguez said the transition marks the start of a "new chapter" for the foundation but that its

purpose remains the same.

"It's an organization; it was never centered around an individual," Rodriguez said. "There hasn't been any drastic changes, definitely not. The board and the trustees are the ones who guide this organization."

In a written statement, David Burke, president of the foundation's board of trustees, said the foundation "faces an exciting new future." He added Rodriguez was "ideally positioned to lead the foundation through the vital next steps ahead."

The intent of the memorial is to honor servicemembers who have fought and died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, as well as troops still fighting. With the fighting still going on, the nonprofit had to secure a special exemption to a law requiring Congress to wait 10 years after the official end of a military conflict before considering a memorial in the nation's

capital.

Now that the group has approval to build the memorial on federal land, it's starting a detailed, 24-step process to establish it. The process begins with site selection.

Rodriguez said the foundation is planning to fight for a spot on the National Mall. Another group of veterans working to build a National Desert Storm War memorial is attempting to secure a location there.

"We think that it has the significance to warrant it," Rodriguez said. "It's a noble cause, a right cause, a just cause. The fact that the global war on terror affects every single person today is pretty profound."

For Rodriguez, the mission is personal. During his 21 years with the Army, he deployed nine times. His wife, also an Army veteran, deployed six times, and his son, who serves with the 82nd Airborne Division — just

returned home from his first deployment to Afghanistan.

Rodriguez welcomed a new grandson in March and wondered whether he would someday fight in the war on terrorism too. In the past 17 years, more than 2.5 million Americans are estimated to have deployed in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Holding my grandson, I had a moment. I was thinking about this memorial and thinking he could very well serve in this conflict," Rodriguez said. "And that, for me, really strengthened my resolve."

The Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation is hoping to raise between \$40 million and \$50 million for the memorial, which is expected to be completed in 2024. A design has yet to be determined.

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# MILITARY

## Syria: Official says US, France, Britain discussing possible strike against Assad

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Asked whether the U.S. military was ready to conduct an attack in Syria if ordered, Mattis replied, "We stand ready to provide military options if they're appropriate, as the president determines."

Trump did not detail what a strike would look like, or whether these would be U.S. missiles. U.S. officials have been consulting with global allies on a possible joint military response to Syria's alleged poison gas attack. Trump canceled a foreign trip in order to manage a crisis that is testing his vow to stand up to Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Syria's Foreign Ministry said Wednesday that his threats are "reckless" and endanger international peace and security.

Trump's tweet also drew a quick response from Russia's Foreign Ministry. Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Facebook that "smart" missiles would destroy any evidence of a chemical weapons attack.

The term "smart" missile dates to the introduction decades ago of weapons with advanced guidance systems — for example, using GPS — to achieve greater precision in targeting. The term was meant to contrast with "dumb" bombs lacking such technology. Virtually all U.S. missiles now have advanced guidance systems.

Russian lawmakers have warned the U.S. that Moscow would view an airstrike on Syria as a war crime and that it could trigger a direct military clash between the two former Cold War adversaries. Russia's ambassador to Lebanon said any missiles fired at Syria would be shot down and the launching sites targeted — a stark warning of a potential major confrontation.

Shortly after warning that missiles were coming, Trump tweeted that the U.S. "relationship with Russia is worse now than it has ever been, and that includes the Cold War." Then, striking a more conciliatory tone, he said: "There is no reason for this. Russia needs us to help with their economy, something that would be very easy to do, and we need all nations to work together. Stop the arms race?"

Trump's administration has sought to show toughness on Russia with a series of economic and diplomatic actions, including new sanctions last week against government officials and oligarchs. Trump has largely avoided criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin by name, though he singled him out in a tweet over the weekend for supporting Assad.

In the past, Trump has condemned others for forecasting military plans, repeatedly blistering President Barack Obama during the 2016 election campaign. During one speech, he said: "We must as a nation be more unpredictable. We are totally predictable. We tell everything. We're sending troops. We tell them. We're sending something else. We have a news conference. We have to be unpredictable."

The U.S., France and Britain have been in extensive consultations about launching a military strike as early as the end of this week, U.S. officials have said. A joint military operation, possibly with France rather than the U.S. in the lead, could send a message of international unity about enforcing the prohibitions on chemical weapons and counter Syria's political and military support from Russia and Iran.

French President Emmanuel Macron said his nation, the U.S. and Britain will decide how to respond. He called for a "strong and joint response" to the attack in the Syrian town of Douma on Saturday, which Syrian activists and rescuers say killed at least 40 people. The Syrian government denies responsibility.

The French president does not need parliamentary permission to launch a military operation. France is already involved in the U.S.-led coalition created in 2014 to fight Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. Multiple ISIS terrorist attacks have targeted France, including one last month.

Trump suggested Monday he had little doubt the Syrian government forces were to blame for what he said was a chemical attack, but neither he nor other administration officials have produced hard evidence. That is in contrast to an incident one year ago in which U.S. intelligence agencies had



SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE WHITE HELMETS/AP

This image released Sunday shows a child receiving oxygen through a respirator after an alleged poison gas attack in the rebel-held town of Douma, near Damascus, Syria.

video and other evidence of certain aspects of the actual attack, which involved sarin gas. Trump responded then by launching Navy cruise missiles at a Syrian airfield.

One official said the U.S., France and Britain were considering military options that would be more extensive than the punitive, one-day strike last April. The three countries are discussing a range of options, including preventing Assad from conducting future attacks by striking military capabilities involved in carrying out such attack, the official said. That official was not authorized to speak publicly and commented only on condition of anonymity.

Macron, asked whether France would take military action, said his country would continue discussing technical and strategic information with U.S. and British allies and "in the coming days we will announce our decision." He said any action would "target chemical weapons" stocks. Under a 2013 agreement for which Russia was a guarantor, Syria was to have eliminated its chemical weapons, but it has used chlorine and perhaps other chemicals since then.

Trump spoke by phone with British

Prime Minister Theresa May. A British government statement said the two agreed the attack in Syria was "utterly reprehensible" and the international community must respond "to uphold the worldwide prohibition on the use of chemical weapons." Trump met at the White House with the emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, who told reporters that he and Trump "see eye to eye" on Syria.

Qatar hosts the U.S.' main air operations center for the Middle East, which would coordinate any U.S. air attack in Syria.

A watchdog agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, announced that it would "shortly" send a fact-finding mission to Douma after receiving a request from the Syrian government and its Russian backers to investigate the allegations. It was not immediately clear whether that visit might affect any U.S. or allied military action.

The Russian military, which has troops in Syria, said Monday that its officers had visited the site of the alleged attack and found no evidence to back up reports of poison gas being used.



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## NATION

# Fight over sanctuary order heads to appeals court

By SUDHIN THANAWALA

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Trump administration will try to convince a federal appeals court that the president's executive order threatening to cut funding from states and cities that limit cooperation with U.S. immigration authorities was narrow and legal.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was to hear the administration's arguments Wednesday in its appeal of a judge's ruling permanently blocking the order nationwide. U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick said in November that the order threatened all federal funding and the president did not have the authority to attach new conditions to spending that was approved by Congress.

The ruling came in lawsuits filed by two California counties — San Francisco and Santa Clara. Orrick said the executive order potentially jeopardized hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to the two counties.

The order was challenged by President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions as evidence of the order's scope and said the president himself had called it a "weapon" to use against recalcitrant cities.

The Trump administration says the order applies to a relatively small pot of money that already requires compliance with immigration law. It could also apply to future grants, but only if the administration receives permission to impose the immigration requirement.

"The order's plain text makes clear its limited scope," U.S. Department of Justice attorneys said in documents filed with the 9th Circuit.

The DOJ also said Orrick should have limited his injunction to Santa Clara and San Francisco instead of applying it nationwide.

The executive order is part of a push by the administration to crack down on "sanctuary jurisdictions" — a loosely defined term for places that don't comply with immigration authorities. The administration has sued California over three laws aimed at protecting immigrants in the country illegally. It has also moved to block a key public safety grant to sanctuary cities and states.

The Trump administration says sanctuary jurisdictions allow dangerous criminals back on the street. San Francisco and other so-called sanctuary cities say turning local police into immigration officers erodes the trust needed to get people to report crime.

## Cosby prosecutors line up accusers after defense's 'con artist' attack

By MICHAEL R. SISAK

Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Prosecutors are rallying from a blistering defense attack on Bill Cosby's chief accuser with a parade of women who say the comedian drugged and attacked them long before he met Andrea Constand.

The first of the five women, Heidi Thomas, was to return to the witness stand Wednesday after telling jurors that Cosby knocked her out with wine and forced her to perform oral sex in Reno, Nev., in 1984.

Thomas, who was a 24-year-old aspiring actress, said her agent had arranged for Cosby to give her acting tips and that Cosby gave her the wine as they rehearsed a scene in which she was portraying a drunken woman.

She said she remembered she felt sick and wondered, "How did I get here?"

Prosecutors are lining up the additional accusers to make the case that Cosby, once revered as "America's Dad," was a big Hollywood predator who is only now facing a reckoning after allegedly violating Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004.

The women also could help prosecutors insulate Constand from the defense's contention that she is a "con artist" who preyed on Cosby's vulnerability after the 1997 killing of his son, Ennis, and then framed him to score a big payday via a \$3.4 million civil settlement.

Tom Mesereau, delivering his opening statement a day after prosecutors took their turn, said



Bill Cosby, right, listens to a statement by his spokesman, Andrew Wyatt, as he arrives for his sexual assault trial Wednesday in Norristown, Pa.

the financially troubled Constand "hit the jackpot" when Cosby paid her in 2006. The settlement included a provision that she keep quiet about the alleged encounter.

The defense fought for the chance to tell jurors about the previously secret settlement. Gloria Allred, the lawyer for several accusers testifying, said she would put that move "under the heading of be careful what you wish for" because jurors could wonder why Cosby paid so much when he has denied wrongdoing.

Mesereau's attack on Constand was a striking departure from the more subdued tone that Cosby's previous lawyer took at the first trial, which ended in a hung jury last spring.

Cosby, 80, is charged with three counts of aggravated indecent as-

sault, each punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

As they began building their case against Cosby, prosecutors chose Thomas, now a Colorado music teacher, as their first substantive witness.

Thomas testified she blamed herself for what happened, thinking she must have said or done something that led Cosby to believe she would be open to his advances. She never told her agent or her parents about the alleged assault.

Thomas, who went public with her allegations in 2015, has teamed with other Cosby accusers to lobby for longer statutes of limitations for sex crimes, including a successful effort to double Colorado's to 20 years.



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Arizona teachers march in protest of low pay and school funding in front of a local radio station waiting for Republican Gov. Doug Ducey to show up for a live broadcast Tuesday in Phoenix.

## Ariz. teachers demand raise, threaten walkout

By MELISSA DANIELS

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Teachers will be wearing red shirts and walking arm-in-arm at around 1,000 schools across Arizona to show solidarity in their demand for higher salaries.

Wednesday's "walk-ins" are part of a grassroots movement pushing for a 20 percent raise and more than \$1 billion in new education funding. Arizona's demonstration is part of a wave of educators demanding higher pay that started in West Virginia where teachers successfully won a 5 percent raise after a statewide strike.

Oklahoma teachers have walked out in protest over educating funding, and Kentucky educators called in sick to protest pension reform.

Arizona Educators United has mobilized teachers and supporters across the state through their #RedforEd campaign. In addition to a 20 percent pay bump, they're seeking increased pay for support professionals, a permanent raise structure, and a freeze on corporate tax cuts until per-pupil spending reaches the national average.

Noah Karvelis, a co-founder of Arizona Educators United, said while the request for raises has received the most attention, teachers are ultimately fighting for their students.

"Our teachers are part of it, but we're having kids learning in abysmal situations — no paper towels in the classrooms, no textbooks in the classrooms, no chairs or not enough chairs for kids," he said. "We're essentially throwing away a whole generation of Arizonians and their futures and that's unacceptable."

So far, Gov. Doug Ducey and the Republican-controlled legislature haven't budged on the group's demands. The governor has stuck by his proposal for a 1 percent increase this year while pledging that other fund increases will come down the road.

A lack of legislative action could trigger a massive job action. On Monday, Arizona Educators United told its 35,000 Facebook members to prepare for a possible walkout this week that would close schools. It urged members to ensure their students have places to go during the day, and to check that superintendents and school boards are aware of the schools.

## Megachurch founder quits amid misconduct allegations

Associated Press

SOUTH BARRINGTON, Ill. — The Chicago-area founder of one of the nation's largest evangelical churches is stepping down following allegations he behaved inappropriately with female congregants.

The Rev. Bill Hybels announced his retirement at a meeting Tuesday with members of the Willow Creek Community Church.

Hybels, 66, told congregants that the allegations against him are "hindering our elders and

church staff," and insisted he had been accused of things he "simply did not do." A church inquiry cleared him.

The Chicago Tribune reported last month that the allegations against Hybels, including lewd comments and unwanted touching of women, stretch back to the 1990s.

He had initially planned to retire in October.

The church that he started in Palatine, Ill., in 1975, now has eight Chicago-area locations.



# WORLD

# Algerian military plane crashes after takeoff

Soldiers and families were aboard; no official word on survivors

By AOMAR OUALI  
Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria — An Algerian military plane carrying soldiers and their families crashed soon after takeoff Wednesday into a field in northern Algeria, killing 257 people in what appeared to be the North African nation's worst-ever plane crash.

Algeria's Defense Ministry said those killed included 247 passengers and 10 crew. The cause of the crash was unclear and an investigation has been opened.

Algerian authorities did not mention whether there were any survivors but one witness reported seeing some people jump out of the aircraft before it crashed at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday.

The flight had just taken off from the Boufarik military base, 20 miles southwest of the capital Algiers, for a military base in Bechar in southwest Algeria, according to Farouk Achour, the chief spokesman for the civil protection services. It was scheduled to make a layover in Tindouf in southern Algeria, home to many refugees from the neighboring Western Sahara, a disputed territory annexed by Morocco.

The Soviet-designed Il-76 military transport plane crashed in a farm field with no people nearby, Achour said.

Algerian TV Dzair said five people were in critical condition but it's unclear whether they were inside the plane when it crashed.

Footage from the scene showed thick black smoke coming off the field, ambulances and Red Crescent vehicles arriving



ANIS BELHOUAL/AP

Firefighters and civil security officers work at the scene of a fatal military plane crash Wednesday in Boufarik, near the Algerian capital, Algiers. Algeria's Defense Ministry said 257 people were killed in the crash.

at the crash site and body bags lined up in the field.

Several witnesses told Algerian TV network Ennahar they saw flames coming out of one of the planes' engines just before it took off. One farmer said some passengers jumped out of the aircraft before the accident.

"The plane started to rise before falling," said a man lying on what seemed to be a hospital bed to Ennahar TV. "The plane crashed on its wing first and caught fire."

The victims' bodies have been taken to

the Algerian army's central hospital for identification.

The prime minister's office said lawmakers and officials observed a minute of silence as a tribute to the victims.

The Il-76 model has been in production since 1970s and has an overall good safety record. It is widely used for both commercial freight and military transport. The Algerian military operates several of the planes.

It was the first crash of an Algerian military plane since February 2014, when a U.S.-

built C-130 Hercules turboprop slammed into a mountain in Algeria, killing at least 76 people and leaving just one survivor.

The previous deadliest crash on Algerian soil occurred in 2003, when 102 people were killed after a civilian airliner crashed at the end of the runway in Tamanrasset. There was a single survivor in that crash.

Also in 2003, 10 people died when an Algerian Air Force C-130 crashed after an engine caught fire shortly after it took off from the air base near Boufarik, according to the Aviation Safety Network.

## Does N. Korea have a reliable plane for leader?

By DAVID NAKAMURA  
The Washington Post

With a million-man army, a bevy of ballistic missiles and a growing nuclear arsenal, North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un has sought to project the image of a powerful leader who can face off against President Donald Trump and China's Xi Jinping.

Yet as he prepares for a possible summit with Trump next month, it's not clear that Kim possesses another piece of crucial hardware for the aspiring global negotiator — an airplane that could reliably fly him across the Pacific Ocean, or to Europe, without stopping.

"We used to make fun of what they have — it's old stuff," said Sue Mi Terry, who served as a senior CIA analyst on Korean issues during the George W. Bush administration. "We would joke about their old Soviet planes."

Most public speculation over the undecided summit location has focused on the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea, where South Korean President Moon Jae-in will meet Kim this month. Others have pointed to nearby China or Russia. But some analysts have suggested Trump would favor a grander setting in the United States or another country outside the region.

That has raised a question about

**‘We used to make fun of what they have — it's old stuff.’**

Sue Mi Terry  
senior CIA analyst on Korean issues during the George W. Bush administration

how Kim, who made his first trip outside North Korea to Beijing in an armored train last month, would get there.

"In terms of his traveling anywhere, it would not be a problem — the South Koreans or the Swedes would give him a ride," said Victor Cha, who served as senior Asia director at the National Security Council under Bush. "But it would be embarrassing."

If Kim took his own plane, stopping to refuel on the way to any of his ear while seated in a plush leather chair behind a polished wooden desk arrayed with blueprints. This was a Cold War-era Ilyushin-62, a Soviet-manufactured long-range jet. Yet some analysts concluded there was reason to doubt the plane's reliability due to its age and lack of regular testing.

a nation where the majority of its 25 million citizens lack sufficient food and electricity.

Kim Jong Il was afraid of flying, and on the rare occasion that he left Pyongyang he rode in an armored train similar to the one used by his son on the China trip last month. In recent years, the younger Kim staged a series of photo ops designed to demonstrate that not only does he not share his father's aversion to the skies — he took international flights to attend boarding school in Switzerland — but that he is actually a pilot.

In 2015, images were released of Kim — on a presidential jet quickly dubbed "Air Force Un" — en route to inspect a construction site. He was photographed holding a phone to his ear while seated in a plush leather chair behind a polished wooden desk arrayed with blueprints. This was a Cold War-era Ilyushin-62, a Soviet-manufactured long-range jet. Yet some analysts concluded there was reason to doubt the plane's reliability due to its age and lack of regular testing.

"They don't have an aircraft that can fly across the Pacific — most are quite old," said Joseph Bermudez, an author who contributes to 38 North, a website on North Korean affairs run by the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

Charles Kennedy, a London-based aviation journalist who has been to North Korea numerous times, acknowledged that a trip from Pyongyang to Los Angeles — a flight path of 5,900 miles — would stretch the boundary range of Kim's Il-62. But he emphasized that the plane "is extremely rudimentary technology and the North Koreans would have no trouble keeping it in top condition."

By comparison, Air Force One, a Boeing VC-25 similar to a 747, is capable of flying nearly 8,000 miles without refueling.

Other options for Kim, such as borrowing a plane from Russia or China, would raise additional security concerns, experts said, including the likelihood that the aircraft would be bugged. Besides, "it would probably not be the kind of signal you'd want to send to his domestic audience if he got off a foreign plane," said Curtis Melvin, editor of the North Korea Economy Watch blog. And after the summit was over, Kim would "have to return it," Melvin added. "God knows how that would go."

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman blows air horn at speeding cars

**AK** ANCHORAGE — An Anchorage woman who is tired of cars speeding through her subdivision has decided to see if blowing an air horn at speeding vehicles will help solve the problem.

KTUU-TV reported Sunday that Denise Buck, while sitting in a lawn chair in her driveway, has been blowing the horn to let people know when they are driving too fast.

Buck said her busy southside neighborhood gets a lot of cars cutting through — many with drivers speeding, texting and not paying attention.

## Couple busts dog out of quarantine, flees state

**CT** PLAINFIELD — Police in Connecticut are looking for a couple they say busted their German shepherd out of doggy jail and then fled the state. Plainfield police said the dog had been held since January for multiple biting incidents, including one in which two children were injured.

Sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning, police think Sean Simmons and Cierra Pens broke into the animal control officer's office, liberated their dog, and then left the state with the pet and their two children.

Police think they are headed for North Carolina or South Carolina.

## Would-be thief foiled by angry cat in home

**MD** SALISBURY — The creeping of a would-be thief outside a Salisbury home apparently was too much for one cat.

Angry over something outside the window, the cat woke its owner about 1 a.m. Monday. The owner looked outside and saw a man was stealing items from his car.

The Daily Times of Salisbury cited a Wicomico County Sheriff's Office news release that said deputies arrived and found Jamie Ruark, 32, inside another car.

Ruark was charged with four counts each of theft and tampering with a motor vehicle.

## Official: Bird knocked out power to over 11K

**FL** CALLAWAY — A Gulf Power official said a nesting bird led to a brief power outage in multiple Florida cities.

Spokesman Jeff Rogers told The News Herald of Panama City that more than 11,000 customers lost power shortly before 11 a.m. Monday in eastern Bay County after the bird entered Gulf Power's Parker substation. Rogers described the bird as small and said Gulf Power's substations are gated but open on top.

Power was restored to most customers within 45 minutes.

## Cops: Nun carjacked at gunpoint; man charged

**DC** WASHINGTON — Police said a man who

## THE CENSUS

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The approximate number of people who have been fined since Virginia implemented a law setting penalties for driving too slowly in the left lane of a highway. WTOP-FM reported that from July 1, 2017, through April 3, more than 16,000 people were cited under various portions of the law. The law established a \$100 fine for driving too slowly in the left lane, failing to stay to the right unless passing and other related violations.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

## Ampersand adjusted

Andrew Malcolm finishes wiring and attaching the final panels to the rebuilt illuminated ampersand portion of the Roy McMakin sculpture *Love & Loss* at the Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park on Monday in Seattle. The large ampersand, installed in 2006, was rebuilt as part of an extensive project to restore the sculpture, which was worn and no longer rotated evenly.

carjacked a nun in Washington has been charged.

Metropolitan police told news outlets that Brandon Brown, 20, approached the nun, brandished a handgun and demanded that she hand over the keys to her car on Monday. Police said she complied, and he fled in the vehicle.

Police spotted the woman's car. Brown exited the vehicle and ran away from the scene but was apprehended after a brief chase. A gun was recovered.

A police news release said Brown was charged with armed carjacking and carrying a pistol without a license.

## Students, parents fight at school, are arrested

**LA** FERRIDAY — Two parents and five students were arrested for fighting at a Louisiana high school.

The Natchez Democrat reported several parents were called to Ferriday High School for a dis-

ciplinary hearing Friday after police responded to a report of students fighting, which is said to have begun over spring break.

Investigator Richard Madison said some parents began arguing, and administrators asked them to leave campus. The school and two students tried to break up the brawl, and police were called.

James E. Johnson Jr., 18, and the juveniles were charged. Teyka Gullage, 40, and Calbrial L. Smith, 41, were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace.

## Postal worker charged after feds seize mail

**NY** BELLMORE — A postal worker was arrested following the seizure of dozens of bags of undelivered mail at his Long Island home.

Newsday reported that Richard Schaff Jr., 44, pleaded not guilty in federal court in Central Islip Monday to destruction of mail. Postal agents raided Schaff's

home in Bellmore a week ago after receiving complaints from residents in Levittown and Bethpage.

Authorities said numerous black plastic bags containing almost 1,000 pieces of undelivered mail were found in his backyard, some of it dating to March 2017.

## Police arrest suspect in theft of ivory, carvings

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Anchorage police arrested a suspect in the theft of walrus ivory and carved artifacts from a store on the city's east side.

Timothy Hayes, 60, was arrested Saturday night at Point Woronzof on suspicion of burglary, theft and criminal mischief.

Employees of Duane's Auction Market on Saturday morning called to report their front door glass window smashed. They determined that someone broke in at 5:30 a.m., stole collectables and fled in a car.

Airport police Saturday night checked on a man witnesses said was asking for gas money at Point Woronzof. Police spotted an ivory tusk sticking out from beneath a blanket in the car's back seat. A search revealed other artifacts.

## Church camp director accused of voyeurism

**AR** SEARCY — Officials at a church camp in north-central Arkansas fired the camp's director after he was arrested on suspicion of video voyeurism.

Authorities said Robert Powell, 45, was arrested Friday night. He had worked as a director at Camp Wyldewood.

Camp Wyldewood is a year-round Christian camp in White County near Searcy. In a statement posted on Facebook, camp officials said they believed it was a "one-time, isolated incident" that did not involve any campers.

From wire reports

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Facebook CEO: 'We didn't do enough' on privacy

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg endured an hours-long grilling by dozens of U.S. senators Tuesday during which he repeatedly apologized and promised privacy reforms but also pointedly defended his company against the threat of new legislation.

Zuckerberg invoked Facebook's unlikely journey — from a tiny startup he co-founded in his Harvard dorm room 14 years ago to a social media behemoth — in explaining Facebook's frequent privacy missteps and its failure to spot and defeat Russia's aggressive campaign to manipulate American voters in 2016 and beyond.

Senators repeatedly challenged Zuckerberg's explanations in the wide-ranging hearing, a rare joint session before two Senate panels — the Commerce and Judiciary committees — with 42 senators questioning the Facebook executive.

"If Facebook and other online companies will not or cannot fix these privacy invasions, then we will," said Florida Sen. Bill Nelson, the highest-ranking Democrat on the Commerce Committee.

But for more than four hours, there was no flashpoint or loss of composure for Zuckerberg, who was appearing in his first congressional hearing after avoiding such scrutiny for years. His steadiness in the face of tough questioning helped quell the air of crisis that surrounded not just Facebook but also Silicon Valley in general, where collecting user data is essential to many businesses.

Facebook's stock price, sagging since his 2016 revelations about how the political consultancy Cambridge Analytica improperly gained access to personal information on 87 million Facebook users, rose during his testimony to end up 4.5 percent for the day, outperform-



Kevin Woul/AP images for Aavaaz

**Advocacy group Aavaaz placed 100 cardboard cutouts of Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington before his Tuesday testimony to call attention to the spread of disinformation on the social media network.**

ing a generally strong market.

Still, the issues raised in the hearing strike at deep problems for one of the most high-flying technology companies.

Zuckerberg, who traded his trademark T-shirt and hoodie for a dark suit and tie, had hoked up with advisers in Washington over the weekend to prepare for the hearing. His tone was one of practiced and patient contrition as he described the company's recent failings and efforts to remedy them.

"It's clear now that we didn't do enough to prevent these tools from being used for harm as well," Zuckerberg said. "And that goes for fake news, foreign interference in elections and hate speech, as well as developers and data privacy."

Zuckerberg took responsibility for the missteps. "We didn't take a broad enough view of our responsibility, and that was a big mistake. And it was my mistake, and I'm sorry. I started Facebook, I run it, and I'm responsible for what happens here."

Yet there was a broader context to the hearing, coming amid rising complaints about how a range of leading tech companies profit from virtually unfettered access to user data — something increasingly restricted in Europe and elsewhere in the world.

In other comments, Zuckerberg singled out Facebook's inability to identify and combat Russian disinformation efforts as one of his "biggest regrets" and added, "One of my top priorities in 2018 is getting this right."

He also confirmed for the second time since February that Facebook officials have been interviewed by investigators for special counsel Robert Mueller III, who have been looking into Russia's role in influencing the 2016 election.

The exchanges between the 33-year-old billionaire and lawmakers were often tense. But Zuckerberg also caused spectators to laugh when he turned down an opportunity for a break, saying he could keep answering questions for 15 more minutes before stopping.

Zuckerberg's acknowledgments of responsibility punctuated an extraordinary shift in tone for him and the company. He has strained in recent weeks to convince lawmakers, users and regulators that Facebook is determined to deliver meaningful change after repeated privacy controversies.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has its own hearing scheduled for Wednesday morning.

Several senators asked for detailed answers about how private, third-party companies gained access to personal data on tens of millions of Americans.

Others questioned whether the very business model of Facebook — which makes money by selling online advertisements based on what it learns about users on the platform — was flawed.

One pointed exchange took place when Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., asked Zuckerberg what hotel he stayed at Monday night and the names of anyone he messaged this week. Zuckerberg, appearing amused by the question, declined to answer.

Durbin shot back: "I think that may be what this is all about: your right to privacy, the limits of your right to privacy and how much you give away in modern America in the name of quote, 'connecting people around the world.'"

Facebook's recent controversies have generated a rare level of bipartisan consensus about the power of social media to twist public discourse and jeopardize the functioning of democracies. Many lawmakers are calling for new legislation, fines or greater regulation. The air of expectation around the hearing was remarkable, even by the standards of televised Capitol Hill political theater. Spectators lined up along the walls of the Hart Senate Office Building hours in advance, snaking from the 138-seat hearing room on the second floor.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (April 12)	\$1.2695
Dollar buys (April 12)	69.7877
British pound (April 12)	\$1.45
Japanese yen (April 12)	104.00
South Korean won (April 12)	1,040.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.4195
Canada (dollar)	1.2604
China (yuan)	6.2784
Denmark (krone)	6.0105
Egypt (pound)	17.6694
Euro	\$1.2374/0.8081
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.8486
Hungary (forint)	251.89
Israel (shekel)	3.5145
Japan (yen)	106.88
Kuwait (dinar)	0.2998
Norway (krone)	7.7712
Philippines (peso)	52.03
Poland (zloty)	3.39
Saudi Arabia (riyal)	3.7509
Singapore (dollar)	1.369
South Korea (won)	1,067.18
Switzerland (franc)	0.9581
Thailand (baht)	31.15
Turkey (lira)	4.1541

Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	2.25
3-month bill	1.74
30-year bond	3.02

## MARKET WATCH

April 10, 2018

Dow Jones Industrials	428.90
	24,408.00
Nasdaq composite	143.96
	7,094.30
Standard & Poor's 500	43.71
	2,656.87
Russell 2000	28.87
	1,543.43

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### THURSDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### THURSDAY IN EUROPE



### FRIDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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## FACES

# Divine works

Actor Chiwetel Ejiofor explores faith's costs in 'Come Sunday,' plays apostle in 'Mary Magdalene'



TAYLOR JEWELL, INVISION/AP

"12 Years a Slave" star Chiwetel Ejiofor — in New York last month — is starring in a new Netflix series, "Come Sunday," debuting on April 13.

BY MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press

**I**f Pablo Picasso had a blue period and the Beatles went through a psychedelic phase, then Chiwetel Ejiofor is currently going through his religious period.

The Oscar-nominated star of "12 Years a Slave" has gone from playing Peter the apostle in the upcoming biblical drama "Mary Magdalene" to playing a contemporary Pentecostal pastor in the midst of a religious crisis in the Netflix drama "Come Sunday." Could this be pure coincidence?

"Who knows? Perhaps," the British actor says, laughing. "Certainly I have been having to engage very, very heavily with faith and religion and Christian faith, specifically."

The back-to-back religious-themed projects have left the actor — raised a Roman Catholic, who drifted from the

church in his teens — with a new perspective on faith.

"Honestly, I had very limited engagement with it when I was growing up. But it's been really powerful to reconnect," he says. "Inevitably, you see faith differently."

In "Come Sunday," Ejiofor explores the fall from grace of renowned Oklahoma evangelical Carlton Pearson, who comes to believe that there is no such thing as hell. The implications are shuddering for that branch of faith: Without hell, everyone is saved, regardless of belief or behavior. There's no need to go to church at all.

"Whether or not somebody individually believes in hell or doesn't is just a simple personal decision of limited consequence to the outside world. Obviously it's important to that person. But if you're a preacher and you're preaching that there's no hell, well, that's a very, very different thing," Eji-

for says. "It's heresy."

Viewers watch the anguish that Pearson endure, caught between church doctrine and his own beliefs. The bulk of his flock leave and he is forced to downsize his life. Ejiofor compares Pearson's journey to that of a Shakespearean tragedy and commends the preacher for "a very certain, very specific kind of bravery."

"It was just a very powerful push and pull, a very powerful sort of torment," he says. "That was what the story represented to me — a man finding out how to think differently."

Ejiofor, who has played everything from Mordo in "Doctor Strange" to an astronaut in "The Martian," spent time getting to know Pearson during a visit to Tulsa, flying there right after his work on "Mary Magdalene" was finished. "That plane ride was 2,000 years," he jokes. "It was a good way of embracing both the start and the con-

temporary versions of the same principles. It was kind of eye-opening."

Director Joshua Marston, who wrote and directed "Maria Full of Grace," says he knew Ejiofor would be perfect in the role before filming even began when the actor appeared on the set dressed in Pearson's suit, jewelry and shoes. "He was reciting dialogue from sermons in the script that he already had begun to commit to memory and was already inhabiting the character," Marston says. "That was the moment where I and the cinematographer and the whole crew's jaw dropped because it felt like suddenly the character was coming to life."

The final film is melancholy and moody, often capturing the actors in stillness and deep reflection. It's an adult movie about big ideas that's not interested in pandering or ridiculing religious audiences.

## Carey being treated for bipolar disorder, no longer in denial

From wire reports

Mariah Carey says she's no longer living in isolation after seeking treatment for a bipolar disorder.

In a People magazine article due on newsstands Friday, the singer says she didn't believe it when she was first diagnosed after she was hospitalized for a physical and mental breakdown in 2001.

The 48-year-old says she lived in denial and isolation and feared someone would expose her. Carey is in therapy and taking medication for bipolar II, which involves periods of depression and hypomania, which involves irritability. Carey says she's taking medication that's not making her feel too tired or sluggish.

Carey says, "I got back to doing what I love — writing songs and making music."

### Actor charged with calling in fake bomb threat

A little over three weeks ago, actor T.J. Miller allegedly called 911 to report that a woman on his Amtrak train from Washington to New York had a bomb in her bag. Amtrak investigators stopped a train in Westport, Conn., where passengers were told to evacuate so that a bomb squad could

search the cars. There were no detected explosive devices on board, and law enforcement claims the actor knew this to be true when he contacted them.

Miller was charged Tuesday with intentionally calling in a fake bomb threat, according to a release from the U.S. attorney for the District of Connecticut. He was arrested at LaGuardia Airport on Monday and appeared before a New Haven judge the next day. Released on a \$100,000 bond, he could face a maximum of five years in prison.

The federal complaint states that Miller told a 911 dispatcher March 18 of a female passenger on Amtrak Train 2256 who kept checking her black carry-on and asking an attendant for the name of the next stop.

### Kate Gosselin to search for love on new series

Kate Gosselin is set to star on a new TLC reality series, "Kate Plus Date," that centers on her search to find love eight years after her divorce, People reported.

"I'm nervous, I'm excited, and I'm forcing myself to do this," Gosselin told the magazine.

Gosselin rose to fame over a decade ago on the TLC series "Jon and Kate Plus 8,"

which chronicled her and her former husband Jon's lives as they parented eight children. The series was rebranded as "Kate Plus 8" in 2010 after Gosselin, 43, split from her husband.

Gosselin first gave birth to twins Cara and Mady in 2000 and had sextuplets in 2004. Her oldest kids celebrate their 18th birthdays in October, and the reality star says her children growing up inspired her to do the new series, which premieres sometime this fall.

### Other news

■ Seth Meyers says his new son was born in the lobby of their apartment building. The "Late Night with Seth Meyers" host told his audience Monday about the birth of his second child. Meyers said he figured he had plenty of time when his wife, Alexi Ashe, went into labor Sunday. But she told him she wasn't able to reach the car, and the baby arrived in the lobby. The 44-year-old said he called 911 and over the course of a minute said, "We're about to have a baby. We're having a baby. We had a baby." Emergency responders took his wife and their son, Axel, to a hospital.

■ Gwen Stefani is the latest superstar to ink a deal for a series of regularly sched-



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

Mariah Carey is in therapy and taking medication for bipolar II. She says she lived in isolation and denial after the diagnosis.

uled shows in Las Vegas. Caesars Entertainment on Tuesday announced Stefani will kick off a residency at the Planet Hollywood casino-resort in June. Tickets go on sale Friday. Shows are scheduled for June, July, December, February and March.

■ Composer John Williams, 86, will be honored by performing rights organization BMI with an award bearing his name. BMI says The John Williams Award will be presented to the celebrated musician at the 34th annual BMI Film, TV and Visual Media Awards on May 9 in Beverly Hills, Calif. Williams has won five Academy Awards throughout his career.

# STARS AND STRIPES®

# MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

## Military Hearts

By Madison Griffiths, Okinawa

**F**rom place to place, over and over again.  
Moving away from the space you knew as your playpen  
You can't leave the memories  
But you can leave your home.  
The next county, state, or house?  
You aren't alone  
That does not matter, for it is the  
memories that live  
In the hearts of the military  
children that forgive  
We forgive the military  
for cutting our  
friendship away  
For we will see them  
again another day  
We will see every memory  
and neighbor,  
Every day in our hearts not  
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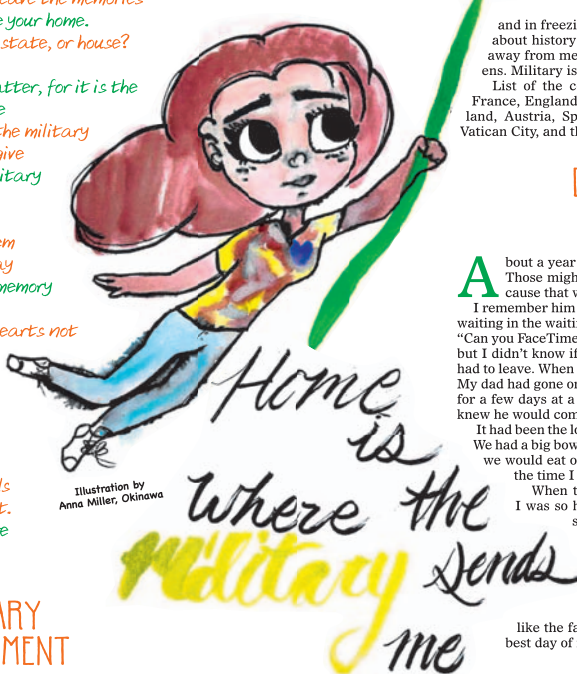


Illustration by  
Anna Miller, Okinawa

## MILITARY ENVIRONMENT

HARRISON POTTER,  
ENGLAND

**L**iving in a military community is fun yet has its bad parts. My parents aren't actually in the military but we still live in a military environment. It all started the summer of 2016 when my dad's old friend from when we lived in Germany told him about an interview to go work in England. Since if he got the job the government would pay for our food there and our plane tickets there, he applied. One day I came home from the bus and

walked home because my house is near the bus stop. When I walked through the garage door my parents yelled surprise and said we were moving to England. At first I said hooray because I thought that it was a joke my sister also thought it was a joke. Then when they reassured us I said hooray, then they said we were going for 3 years at least. My sister started sobbing and crying then I realized that I wouldn't be able to see my friends.

One month later all of the friends we had knew that we would be moving. We were planned to move on

the 20 of September which made me even sadder because my birthday was on the 26. When the time came around, my parents told us that the move got delayed and we would move on October 18, 2016. We had my birthday party on the Saturday after my birthday this had to be my best yet saddest birthday ever, knowing that they never would be able to come to one of my birthdays for at least 3 years. By October we were living in our basement with almost nothing to

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## WHAT A TRIP

TEAGUE B.,  
BELGIUM

**I** have visited 16 countries with more than 7 languages. I have had about 50 friends that I have all had to say goodbye to. I have moved 5 times and have seen many cultures. I have been to the arid Chihuahuan desert and in freezing Belgium. I have been able to learn more about history by visiting many places. My dad has been away from me for 6 months. I have been from LA to Athens. Military is cool for most of these reasons!

List of the countries I've been to: America, Belgium, France, England, Ireland, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Montenegro, Italy, Vatican City, and the Netherlands.

## DEPLOYMENT

CHARIS HENRY,  
ENGLAND

**A**bout a year and a half ago, my dad left for deployment. Those might have been the saddest days of my life because that was the first time he had ever deployed.

I remember him packing his suitcase to go to Qatar. We were waiting in the waiting area for his plane and all I could ask was, "Can you FaceTime when you get there?" Of course he said yes, but I didn't know if he actually would. Finally, it came time he had to leave. When I saw him walking to the plane I was crying. My dad had gone on leave a few times before, but that was only for a few days at a time. I never really felt sad then because I knew he would come home in a few days.

It had been the longest 6 month wait ever. It felt like 20 years. We had a big bowl full of Hershey's Kisses so that every night we would eat one to resemble a kiss from my dad. Most of the time I almost cried and sometimes I actually did.

When the time came that Dad was coming home, I was so happy! I was practically counting down the seconds I was so excited!

When my dad came down the steps and out the doors, it felt like one of those war movies when the father comes home and the family comes running in slow motion.

Finally, when my dad came home, I felt like the family was complete. That, was probably the best day of my life.

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## Celebrating Month of the Military Child

I am a military child. Today, I am going to talk about Belgium. Sometimes it is difficult. French is spoken in Belgium. It is hard to speak their language. Here you can make a lot of friends. It is fun here in Belgium sometimes. The fun stuff is meeting people from other countries, the history about Europe, meeting new friends, having a fresh start, new foods that you get to try, visiting different countries, Learning new languages, and there are lots of security. The not fun stuff is the time differences, the weather is bad, a lot of traveling, losing friends when moving, not a lot of US restaurants, having to leave every 2-3 years. Language barriers. Language barriers is when you are having a hard time speaking the language. There is a lot to see, and you can see castles. Being a military child is something that I will never give up. If you are going to move here I bet you will have a great time.

- Alyssa M., Belgium



Andi W., Okinawa

### Proud of our children!

And I am going to tell you the life of being a military child. First to start off there are good and bad things about being a military child. One of the major good thing of being a military child is you get to go to many places in Europe if you are stationed there. You can go visit the Eiffel tower in Paris, France; London, England, and more because some people would love to be where we are. Then another good thing is the culture because I go to school with kids from Greece, Turkey, Spain, Italy and many more. Now one thing about life of military children are some schools have a lot of vacations and you don't even know why. Next, the bad thing about that is when you move to different places you have to leave people behind and things you care about sometimes, like the main thing for me was my best friend Caleb E. because I grew up with him. Another bad thing is sometimes your parents have to deploy or go to places for nine months or so. Now to my story I am going to tell you when you get older you will remember all the memories you had growing up, and be proud of being a military child, because it gives you opportunities in life that some kids would love to have.

- Taylor C., Belgium

On base there are lots of things that will remind you of America and that will sometimes give a person like me a lump in the throat. That means you will miss your old home, your friends or even old pets. The base tries to make it seem like you're still there, but there is always something that makes you miss the states so much.

Also, the base is very small, but in the states it's very large and vast so you sometimes feel all tight and small in a base. The two schools on base are big which are the elementary and the middle-high school. The staff, teachers and students are all very nice, but that just make you miss all of your friends that are on the other side of the world.

You do make friends very easily and well, they came from the same place you came from. So it's sort of fun you know asking who came from which state, but as your parents are almost done with their job in a couple years time, they're going to be retired then back to the airport.

Lots of kids on base have moved more than three times. It's very heart-breaking to say goodbye to your best friends that you're probably not going to see in person for about three years.

Now, here comes the good part. You get to walk all around the base without your parents because it's so safe. The best thing ever is that you get a ID that lets you walk off base, but mostly only the parents use it. Lastly, the coolest thing ever is that you get to live on base (if you want to) and you can ride your bike EVERYWHERE because the shops or schools are really close together. So I hope you have an idea of what a kids live on a base is like!

- Erika Neu, England

Here in Belgium, at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), life is different from many other countries in Europe or across Atlantic Ocean. My story begins in Focsani, Romania, where I graduated 1st grade. My father has been assigned to work at SHAPE military base in 2013, and my family moved to Belgium. Belgium is different from my home country. There are a lot of Pros and Cons differences.

Okay, let's start with cons: I miss my relatives, friends and teachers. I miss a lot the Romanian traditions during Christmas and Easter, the delicious food and youth festivals. I also miss my pets and some favorite things.

Now let's do pros: I have the possibility of making new friends, to try new food and to learn more about other cultures from different parts of the world. Here, at school, we learn new languages, like English, French, Spanish, Italian, we participate to different contests in Math, Language Arts, World History and Science and have many extra-curricular activities like - computer apps, drawing, coding, playing instruments, sports.

I joined the soccer and basketball teams at SHAPE and disputed many tough matches. I feel very safe here on the base, because the access is restricted to only the SHAPE members who have an ID card. Being in the center of Europe, there are many countries to visit in couple of hours driving or flying, such as: The Netherlands, Germany, France, Luxembourg, United Kingdom, Italy and Spain. With this experience in Belgium, we can easily adapt to another place in Europe if there will be the case. In conclusion, if you have a chance to live or visit Europe do not miss it, it will be super fun, I promise.

- Rada G., Belgium

I like being a Military child. I like it because I get to travel a little bit. I have traveled to places in Europe such as Belgium, France, and Germany. I think it can be scary to move because you need to go to a new school and make new friends. Your parents also have to deploy to which is sad because it's so long until you see them again. While you are with your family you can go experience new cultures.

- Noah B., Belgium

If you ever become a military child, you might like it or you might not like it. This is why I sometimes don't like it.

Sometimes my dad has to be deployed or has to work late and can't hang out with me and my brother. The good thing about this is that my family get money because my dad is working which means we can buy food and clothing and a house to live in.

That's my story of being a military child.

- Ian, England

I know a lot of people love moving to different places around the world and, don't get me wrong, I love new things, but it's not exactly easy.

Being born into a military family took some getting used to. There are some positives and negatives about being a military child, for instance moving around a lot. Also, having to leave your pets behind. Now I've personally never owned a furry animal as much as I've wanted to, but I know the feeling of having to leave a fish, or a rabbit, behind.

A positive is getting to see new things and meeting new people but that's always a tough thing too. Making new friends is hard at a different school especially if you're in a higher grade since most of the students have known each other since kindergarten or first grade. I have both positive and negative thoughts whenever we have to move, but the two thoughts are pretty much equivalent. I think about leaving my friends and if I'll make new ones. I think about packing (because no one likes that, am I right?) and if I'll leave anything behind by accident, and I also think about the beautiful scenery I'll see and the trips I'll take.

Also, having to leave the majority of my family who live quite close to where I used to live in America. I know I've said quite a few of negatives but like I said, it's not easy. Okay, okay, I'll mention more positives.

To be honest I didn't really have much happening when I lived back home, but since I've moved I've made so much progress in school, sports, you name it. I'll like the thought of going on trips to places in Europe, which were things I'd only dreamed of. (If only my friends, pets, and family could come with me.)

Over all I don't think being a military child is what people call the "perfect" life, but I'll miss mine.

- Marley Ricks, England

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## ENVIRONMENT: Amazing teacher and good friends

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do because the movers had packed up everything. We went to the airport on the 18th of October, my friends, my sister Sienna's friends, and my brother Monroe's friends met us at the airport and we all said our good-byes as we were about to go to England.

When we first arrived in England, we were driven by a taxi to the Alconbury base. We were living in a base home. It was cool, but I have seen better days than when I lived there. At the end of October, I started school in 4th grade. My first friend was a kid named Alton, mainly because I sat next to him in class. In the middle of November, my brother Drake came to visit us from college. At the end of November

my parents started looking for a house. They were stuck between two houses, so they asked us, we chose the better looking one. By about December 13 we moved in. Our stuff had come and we started moving all of it inside the house. By December 19th, we were living in the house. I loved it but not better than our old house. It was close to where my dad worked, so that was good.

On Christmas Eve we all thought that we wouldn't get that much for Christmas but a miracle happened and we got quite a bit of presents. In the early spring Drake left. In the summer of 2017, we had loads of fun with our new friends and I got to talk to my old friends on Facetime.

Now we get to fifth grade, this was very fun I had

an amazing teacher and good friends. When it came Christmas again we all got a lot more gifts than we expected and Drake came home for 24 days for his semester break. Now it's Summer 2018 and...

"WAIT WHAT?!" I said the editors.

"I ran out of time to talk about." I reply.

"It's only spring 2018," the editors explained.

"Spiller alert my friends are coming for the summer." I say as the editors are trying to cover my mouth.

"Your not supposed to tell the future!" the editors snap at me.

"Oh well." I say with no care in the world.

Now I live in England happily with my family!



## Celebrating Month of the Military Child

**B**eing a military child can be tough sometimes. Moving and when your dad/mom is on a year-long deployment (which happened to me) can be hard. I move every two years, so it's extra difficult. You're always leaving friends, leaving schools, etc. You get used to it though. Let's look at the bright sides, you can travel, see things, adapt and learn to cope with new environments.

### Part One

Moving is one of the hardest parts of being part of the military family. I've gotten used to it by now though. I live in England currently and am about to move to Ohio. I've moved 6 times and left dozens of friends with each move. We've moved every two years since I've been around. My parents lived in Germany for three years, but that was when my dad was in his early twenties.

### Part Two

When my dad went on a deployment, it was tough. I was seven and my brother was six. After a while, I just got used to having my dad not around. There were a few times when he could go on R&D and it was amazing! One time we met up with him in Tampa, Florida. But other than those R&Ds, it wasn't fun at all. He was deployed at Qatar, a country in the middle east. When my dad came back though, it probably was the best time of my life, I'm not even exaggerating.

### Part Three

One of the most fun things about being a military kid is getting to travel around the world. I live in England, so I get to see a lot of places in Europe. I'm going France and Belgium for spring break, so I will go to even more countries. It's crazy. I've been to like 12 countries in my whole life. Another thing about traveling around the world is getting to learn someone else's traditions and culture. Since I live in England I get to see a lot of British traditions, especially the food. My favorite British food is definitely sausage rolls. They're basically sausages wrapped up in pastry. When the British speak, I sometimes don't understand what they're saying. There are some words that Americans say that British people don't say. Overall, traveling and seeing the world through a military life a really fun.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, it's good and bad being a military child. I have had some of the best experiences being in the military family and I definitely am glad I was born into a military family.

- Will Wright,  
England



Yazmin Polder,  
Grafenwohr, Germany

**S**ince I'm a military child, we travel a LOT and meet a lot of new people. I have been to 28 countries and I am only ten! If you are a military child, you probably have a crazy and sometimes really annoying life. You have to leave your best friends every couple years. That is definitely the hardest part of moving for me. Even though you have to say goodbye to some of your friends, being a military child is also super fun! You meet all these new people every time you travel. Even though traveling sometimes can be a pain, at the end it is always super fun. My favorite trip is either between Croatia, Poland or Portugal. I have moved to three different places Japan, America and England. Moving and traveling is also cool because you get to see all different types of culture. Being a military child is super fun! I have so many friends all across the world and to me, that is really cool! Overall, I LOVE being a military child!

- Madelyn Fink,  
England

**I** am a military child. My dad is in the Air Force. I lived in Turkey and in Hungary and currently I live in Belgium. We moved to Turkey when I was 1 year old and we lived there for 4 years. I didn't really remember anything but, I spoke Turkish fluently. I didn't really have the chance of making friends so I wasn't that sad. Leaving Turkey wasn't that hard. I got over it very easily.

I was 5 years old when we moved back to Hungary. The worst thing in being a military kid is the part when you have to leave your friends to go to another country because you are not that old to have your own decisions. That was the hardest time in my life. I didn't want to leave Hungary. I didn't want to go to Belgium. I didn't even know about Belgium before that. The thing that made me very nervous was learning the language. The first day was awful. I remember I was just doodling and sitting the whole time. I didn't really have friends except for a Czech girl named Barbora V. but I knew it wasn't going to be like that back in Hungary. At least I thought I knew, but now I'm very happy to have a dad who is in the military. The best thing is that we get to know other countries' cultures. For example: two of my best friends Brazil P. and Sofia M. are from America and from Denmark. They are very funny and the things that we do and like are almost always the same. I am really sorry that I couldn't stay with my Hungarian classmates. I still talk to them and I sometimes meet them in the school but of course it's not the same. My favorite part in being a military child is that I have an ID, so I can go to the base in Belgium called SHAPE. For a civilian it would be kind of scary because you have to show your ID card to a person surrounded by police men and soldiers with guns, but I know that they won't hurt us. SHAPE is basically a little safe town. There are a lot of things on it. For example: shops, more than 5 different schools, Starbucks and even houses and apartments, so you can live on SHAPE. The thing is I am not the only one whose life is like this. Almost all military kids move at least once because of their parents. My dad has been in other countries too besides Turkey and Belgium. Our family didn't go with him.

Being a military child is not always easy. Your parents go to other countries a lot and if there is a chance, you go with them. Is it a bad thing that my dad is in the Air Force? Not at all! Thanks to his job I speak English now and I have the chance of studying Spanish or French in this school which I could never have done if I'd stayed at home.

- Fruzsina K.,  
Belgium

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**T**here are a lot of positive and negative things about being a military child. Some cool things are that you make a lot of friends all around the world and you see and experience different cultures. You can just go visit Paris, Amsterdam, Luxembourg and way more cities in the time that you go next door. You get to learn different languages, at different schools.

Some bad things about being a military child are that your parent(s) get deployed around the world for sometimes half a year. They go there to help their country/community in the war, which can be dangerous. Depending on where you move, you have to change currency, you don't have the same food as at home, the rules at school are different, your friends move every 2-3 years, see your family less, which are all negative things. There are more good things than bad things about being a military child. I love to be a military kid.

- Tycho K.,  
Belgium

**Y**ou may wonder how it is to be a military child. I have to tell you it's not all fun and games. For one you have to move frequently. You have to make new friends and fit in and it gets really annoying when you have to do that. Besides you have to leave your friends, teachers, and awards when you move to a new place. You also have to be okay with what teachers you get, what classmates you get and you can't just move to a new school. The good parts I guess are having new teachers, new staff, new principal, new teaching systems, and new students. You also get new technology at your new school. You also get to learn the history about that place and maybe you get to visit those places. The best part of all is that you get to travel around the world meeting new people, learn other cultures, and meet foreign people along the way. Being a military child has its ups and downs.

- Ernesto M.,  
Belgium

♡ Kimone Jones ♡



Kimone Jones,  
England

**B**eing a military child is hard in some cases. I mean I have to move every 2-3 years and that's hard. It seems to me that every time you get and say goodbye again. It's also really cold in Europe. One of the good things about this is that you can see other places and cultures. When I'm in Europe I don't speak their language and I get friends from there and they get to teach me new things. And I love their accents, too! I think it's nice to get out of your own country or state and see the world.

-Morgan W.,  
Belgium

**B**eing a military child is a little hard sometimes but it's usually pretty good.

On one hand, every now and then your family has to move, leaving behind dear friends, relatives, colleagues, teachers and all the nice people that once made your life better. Although it fades away after a while, the longing for the special people in our lives irreversibly troubles and burns our souls. There is also deployment, which is one of the scariest parts of being a military child. Having seen our parents' colleagues and friends coming back from deployments crippled, or not coming back at all, doesn't really make you looking forward to such experiences.

On the other hand, moving someplace new, you get the chance to meet people from all over the world. They have different traditions, they come from different cultures and you get to learn a lot from them. Among them you can find some of the special people that make great friends and if you're lucky enough, you might even keep them forever.

Another beautiful thing is that, sometimes, you get to live in such a wonderful place, surrounded by so many great sites allowing you to always discover something not only new, but also amazing. Famous cities, museums, historical sites, they all await for you to discover, cherish and turn them into fantastic memories that will feed your joy and imagination for the rest of your life.

- Andrei M.,  
Belgium

**B**eing a military child has some pros and cons. One of the pros is that you get to go and see lots of different countries in Europe. Because Belgium is a small country, you can easily go to Holland, France or Germany. Another pro is that you get to make new friends from different countries. There are not only pros though there also are a few cons. This one is the most important to me. I don't get to see the rest of my family because they have to stay back in Greece. Another one is that I have to leave my friends. I am very lucky I am a military child because my friends in Greece don't know what it is like to be one.

- Christina K.,  
Belgium

**M**ost people think that being a military child is horrible because you always move from place to place, but really, it's not that bad. I guess in some ways it can be hard. But there are pros and cons to being a military child.

One of the pros is that you get to see the world! I mean, do you have a friend that is not a military child and lived in Japan when they were four and then when they turned 8 moved to England? I don't think so. My friend is, even though you have to leave your friends when you move, then you have friends all across the world! When was the last time you wrote to a friend in Mexico?

One of the cons is, that you have the chance of having one of your parents deployed. Also, the fact is, you do have to move a lot.

I don't know about you, but I think being a military child is pretty cool. Let's face it, my life is awesome! If I could choose to be a normal child or a military child I wouldn't mind, because both things are pretty cool!

- Mina Hall,  
England

**H**ere in Belgium it can be difficult sometimes. Sometimes you miss your old friends and your old school or the food, but still it can be fun with your new friends and you speak another language maybe like me. I'm from the Netherlands. In the Netherlands life can be different. For instance, on Wednesday and Fridays I get out at 12:00. That's fine but nothing compared with all these field trips we have. One we had a overnight field trip in Amsterdam for 4 days (which was fun) still with all these fun things, and not so fun things it's still part of life and you can't change it.

- Ralph K.,  
Belgium

**I** think that being a military child has some really great benefits to it, but I also think that some things could be a little different. Like one of my cons is that you have to move every 2 to 3 years, and I found that stressful sometimes. Like right when you are finally adjusted, you are pulled away to a new foreign country. But, I also really like some things about being in the military, like how moving a lot can help you make friends from all over the world, and it can help you make some pretty great memories to look back on. Another pro is how when you move around a lot, you learn a lot, like what the schools are like, and different cultures and languages. I think that what is also good is that you can ask for extensions, like the reason I've been in Belgium since third grade is because the military let us stay longer, which I think is kind of them. Last, but certainly not least, is another pro, and I like how the military can bring you a lot of opportunities like very good schools and colleges for free. So yeah, I think that there are definitely a bit of bad things that the military gives you, like deployment, but I think that overall, the military is great. It gives you a lot of good things.

- Avery S.,  
Belgium

**L**ife as a military child seems to be a pretty good life. Other than moving every four years I mean why can't you move whenever you want to? If you move every four years then you probably won't be able to see your friends for awhile, or maybe even never! Or if you move to the other side of the world, there's no quick flight.

Other than moving, life is pretty good. You get to live on base, which is pretty secure and safe. On base when you're on the other side of the world, you get to have American food while off base has no Taco Bell! And if you go to the Alconbury school, no uniforms! Yay!

So does that tell you what it's like to be a military child?

- Anna Phillips,  
England

**B**eing a military child can be challenging. Believe me, I know. There are many pros and cons about being a military child. First, it is awesome when you find out you are moving to a new state or country. When I found out I was moving to Belgium, I had so many emotions at the same time. I couldn't help but cry when I found out I was moving to a new country. I was excited, too. I had a lot of questions, like if I'd make friends, what my school would be like, how my friends would react when I came and many more. It is tough when you find out you're moving.

Some pros about having a parent in the military is when they are away on a trip or deployment, you will always find stuff to entertain yourself. We (the military) see the world, it's also great to do things that other people can't. My dad is in the Navy, so I sometimes got to go on the ship he was working on or do activities that the MWR set up. The MWR sets up activities, runs the movie theater and is really helpful when it comes to lifting groceries. Moving to Europe also gives us the opportunity to learn a different language. I live in the French speaking part of Belgium, so French is the language I learn. The language barrier can make shopping, ordering and finding your way around a city difficult.

Moving is difficult, too. Sometimes my feelings still bubble over and make me sad. I still miss my old friends and my old school. Emails and video chats sometimes aren't enough. It is so amazing when family members come to visit. They tell us what is happening back home, what trends there are and other gossip and news, but it is always sad when they have to go even when they say see you soon.

Yes, being a military child can be difficult, but it can also be fun. I hope these few paragraphs helped you see the article. I hope you don't supposed to say is military families are better or worse than non-military families. It is supposed to say we are different, but equal. That is all it is. Different, but equal.

- Lucas M.,  
Belgium

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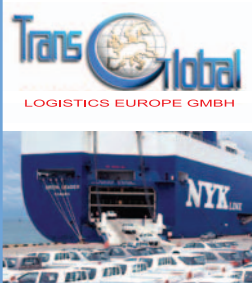
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## OPINION

## Russia-Iran-Turkey deal is ominous

By ANDREW MALCOLM  
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There can't possibly be that many Russians of importance left to sanction. But President Donald Trump has laid more economic restrictions on Russia, Russians and Russian companies, described as the most punitive yet, for a variety of evil-doings in recent years.

Forgot for a moment that every president loudly announces such sanctions, which then are largely forgotten by everybody. If there's any Russian (or Iranian or North Korean) dense enough to still keep assets in these United States, maybe they don't really care about them. And if President Vladimir Putin has buckled to pull troops out of Crimea after four years of escalating U.S. sanctions, no one's noticed.

All this, mixed with Trump's poorly explained trade tariff tiff with China and his abnormal normal White House chaos, has managed successfully to distract from development of an unholy Middle Eastern alliance that should cause serious concerns, not just for the White House.

Last week Putin, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Turkish strongman Recep Tayyip Erdogan played a successful summit in Ankara by announcing their new partnership to establish a ceasefire in Syria and to start rebuilding the war-ravaged land that is ravaged in large part by their own forces.

All this without even a FYI to the U.S. administration, much less a major role in the oil-rich region. It's a continuation of Putin's deft power plays to restore

Russian influence well beyond its own borders and especially within the tumultuous Middle East. It's been years in the making and benefited from Barack Obama's inept inactions.

Remember Obama's unscripted red-line threat about Syria's use of chemical weapons on its own people? With Russian knowledge, Syria's Bashar Assad defiantly did just that. Obama didn't really want to do anything. He looked weak. Putin offered to broker the phony destruction of all those lethal gases, which bailed out Obama and cemented Putin's influence in Syria.

Last year Assad gassed civilians again. Within 48 hours on Trump's orders, five dozen cruise missiles devastated the launching airbase. They repeated the attack this month. Trump has threatened new retaliation.

Nonetheless, Trump's instincts are to abandon the region, which much of his staunch base approves. He recently announced complete pullout from Syria of about 2,000 special operations advisers helping Kurdish and Syrian rebels fight Assad and destroy Islamic State, now holed up in one last hardened stronghold.

As they had with Trump's desire to leave Afghanistan, his advisers, mainly Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, persuaded him to walk that back. They valid argument being such hasty retreats would leave the same power vacuum as Obama's hasty 2011 troop withdrawal from Iraq, which allowed ISIS to spawn and flourish in the first place. Not to mention once again abandoning loyal Kurdish fighters.

Turkey is allegedly a NATO ally, allowing U.S. planes to fly against ISIS from In-

cirlik Air Base. But Erdogan regards the Kurds as terrorists and has now thrown in his lot with Putin and Iran. NATO's European members will not do much because Turkey currently houses 3.5 million Syrian refugees, and if Erdogan opened that human spigot they would flow into Europe causing economic and political turmoil.

To cement Russian influence in Turkey, Putin is building a \$20 billion nuclear reactor there and was just signed Erdogan \$2.5 billion in sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles to use against someone's planes.

That's the same self-serving economic infiltration Putin used to tie Iran's militant mullahs to Moscow. As the world's largest exporter of terrorism, Iran has sent 100,000 troops to bolster Assad. There, they buy influence with Damascus and get priceless combat experience and advanced training from Russian advisers for use someday against someone.

Iran now has a direct landline through Syria to support its terrorist partners in Hezbollah right on the borders of Israel, where Trump may visit next month. Much as Iran is arming and supporting Yemen's Houthis rebels to destabilize Saudi Arabia.

Still pending this spring is Trump's anticipated decision to abandon completely Obama's nuclear deal with Iran. Tehran maintains that will free it to resume full-scale weapons development, which will likely prompt the Saudis to do the same. Trump has threatened to — wait for it — slap sanctions back on Iran.

Sound familiar?

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## In Venezuela, a daily struggle for the basics

By CARLOS HERNANDEZ BLANCO  
Special To The Washington Post

We had gone six days without running water. It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon, sweltering hot, and my skin was sticky. I desperately needed a bath; we all did.

We walked from our third-floor apartment to the parking lot in front of our building — a sprawling, utilitarian, four-quarto, three-story concrete block built 40 years ago — to refill our buckets from the only place with access to water, the faucet on the sidewalk they use to wash the cars. My whole family (dad, mom, brother and I) went together. We ran into another family filling buckets. Too, so we had to wait in line to fill ours. There's a line for everything these days.

We are almost used to this by now. We have learned to keep buckets of yellowish tap water around the house at all times; that's just common sense. By day six of the shortage, though, no one in the building had water, and we were getting desperate. The whole apartment was starting to smell like a public restroom. We needed to flush that toilet!

It wasn't supposed to be like this. My dad works in an office, the head of his department. My brother and I are both college graduates. We are technically middle-class. We thought we'd have our own apartments by now: office jobs, save. Instead, we spend all our time scrambling for the basics every day.

Just as I was finishing a second trip lugging a heavy bucket up three flights of stairs, water service returned. Ugh. Just another day in Venezuela.

Where I live, water is the most unreliable service, but the internet and the electricity are not far behind. Water, power, internet, our impossible triangle. You'll rarely get

all three at once.

The internet, in my experience, goes out only when you really need it. My brother has been anxiously waiting for a rare chance to sign up for an appointment to get a passport, the golden ticket out of this mess. He was at work when the government website at which the requests have to be filed suddenly came back online — a once-in-a-blue-moon opportunity. He couldn't access the site, since he was in a car so he called me breathless to see if I could sign him up for an appointment. He knew he wouldn't have another chance for weeks. On the rare occasions when the website is available, it's instantly overwhelmed by traffic. It pays to be quick.

But our internet was down so I couldn't do anything. Later, I found out our service provider was down through Ciudad Guayana, our city of close to 1 million.

Then there's electricity. Blackouts take the internet down with them, along with any hope for a productive day. Given enough time, they take the water out, too. Our water pumps are not solar-powered.

Other parts of the country have it far worse, but the blackouts where I live usually last about an hour and occur weeks apart. They're a handy excuse for a break to hang out with neighbors and bad-mouth the government.

The thing is, I'm actually fairly privileged. Some places in Venezuela face power outages that last as long as 13 days, and there are communities where there are no basic services work. None! We are still getting supplied with natural gas so we don't have to endure the lines for propane canisters, which can take the whole day unless you arrive at 4 a.m.

We know why this is happening. All the utilities were taken over by the government during Hugo Chavez's nationalization drive between 2005 and 2009.

Socialists think charging for a service is wrong. So guess what? The public utilities are always broken. You can get away with no investment and no maintenance for a while — but after a decade, it catches up with you.

Take CANTV, our internet provider. It used to belong to Verizon and worked reasonably OK, but in 2007 Chavez decided to expropriate it to strike a blow against international capitalism and to bring the internet to the masses (or some such). Our internet service now costs almost nothing (I'll give them that), but it's also among the slowest in the world, and completely unreliable. In some communities, people steal internet cables to strip and sell them as scrap metal. Since CANTV simply can't afford to replace them, those people are left without internet access.

Or take Corpelec, the single national power utility. Chavez took over all the regional power companies and, in 2007, merged them into a single state-owned behemoth. Nowadays, Corpelec is run by military men who plainly don't know what they're doing.

There's always have excuses whenever there's a nationwide blackout. They blame the droughts, the rains, even someone with a stick. Once, notoriously, they blamed an iguana for gnawing at some power cables. But most often they blame it on the United States, the old standby here in our country. The nonsensical excuses make for some fine memes, but the truth is simpler: No maintenance, plus no investment, plus corruption equals awful service.

And HidroBolívar? Yes, our water company! You guessed it — also a dependent of the government and run by military men.

That's why the water is yellow. When there's water.

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## OPINION

## Facebook should be subject to regulation

BY CHRISTINE EMBA  
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**T**he 2008 financial crisis made the phrase “too big to fail” a part of common parlance. Until now, it’s been used mainly to describe financial institutions that have become so vital to our system that their collapse could take down the larger economy. When these institutions run into trouble, the government feels obliged to step in — and has.

Following Mark Zuckerberg’s first day of testimony on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, one wonders: Is Facebook trying to usurp the “too big to fail” designation for itself — and with the opposite policy outcome in mind? Rather than asking for support or intervention, Zuckerberg’s message is that his social network is so systemically important that the government should just leave it alone.

The question now is whether our government will take the bait.

In a string of news appearances and in his prepared testimony, the Facebook chief executive continued to make a glowing case for the importance of his platform. In interviews, he mused on the “philosophical question” of helping a community of more than 2 billion active users, and about his “social mission” of connecting the world in new ways. Before Congress, he went further, painting a picture of the platform as all but essential to the functioning of the United States. “After Hurricane Harvey, people raised more than \$20 million for relief. And more than 70 million small businesses now use Facebook to grow and create jobs.” And while Zuckerberg apologized for the mistakes the company has made, he made clear that he views it as his responsibility — and no one else’s — to fix them.

At least at Tuesday’s joint hearing before the Senate Judiciary and Commerce, Science and Transportation committees,

many members of Congress appeared willing to accept Zuckerberg’s reasoning. It’s easy to see why they might.

It was clear, for starters, that the majority of those asking the questions weren’t necessarily familiar enough with Facebook’s technology to suggest any specific regulation to secure user data in advance of the next Cambridge Analytica-style scandal, or to prevent a new infestation of Russian bots. Why not allow Zuckerberg — the expert — to figure it out? He did roll out what seemed like dozens of new ideas and next steps for securing the Facebook platform. It was hard to tell whether they were real fixes or Band-Aids, however, and the senators didn’t seem up to the task of figuring it out.

Perhaps more important, much of Congress seemed to buy into the myth of Facebook’s importance and the inevitability of its growing influence. In his opening statement, Commerce Committee Chairman John Thune, R-S.D., said: “Today’s hearings are extraordinary. ... But then, Facebook is pretty extraordinary.” Later, Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., waxed nostalgic about how his were the first Senate business cards printed with a Facebook address, and how today his young son was already dedicated to Instagram, another Facebook-owned platform.

Yes, there were questions about what the company should change in the future or what it should have reported earlier. But few bothered to wonder whether the platform was worth all the trouble it had caused, or whether it was time for a major shift in how it operates — its revenue model, its data-collection methods, its end goal of world connection.

That’s a mistake. Facebook may tout itself as an idealistic operation, connecting humans across the globe for the greater good, but its business model is based on monetizing as much personal data as possible. In essence, the company has ushered

Facebook Sells Your Information to Just About Anyone (Cartoon: Annuar)



in a new era of what is essentially personal surveillance for profit. Facebook may be making itself safer or more secure, but it hasn’t answered the question of whether we should continue to interact with it at all.

Certainly, at least, Facebook is not too big to change. Congress should remember that the social network is not too big to be punished for prior bad actions, it’s not too big to be tightly regulated by experts, and it’s not too big to be reformed in ways that could help us all.

After all, it’s not even clear that Facebook’s leadership is entirely convinced of its own hype. In Europe, plans for a consumer-oriented regulatory scheme are underway, to be implemented next month. And as my Post colleague Anne Apple-

baum has noted, Zuckerberg seems to be rather excited to have the EU General Data Protection Regulation suggest changes to his site. Clearly, Facebook’s not too big to accept orders, and it’s not too big to pivot when needed.

After this week’s hearings, Congress should begin to look past Facebook’s bluster about its size and importance. It should resist the urge to take the company’s protestations at face value, and it should begin to push for real legislative remedies to the social network’s problems rather than leaving them to the site’s users to deal with after the fact.

Facebook may be big, but it’s not too big to fail.

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## Internet has a bigger problem than Facebook fiasco

BY DAVID IGNATIUS  
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**A** word of advice for Congress as it ponders new schemes for internet regulation after the “perp walk” this week of Facebook tycoon Mark Zuckerberg: Don’t do it.

Zuckerberg is a very tempting target. His serial apologies show how Facebook became so entangled in its corporate mission to “bring the world closer together” that it stopped putting the customer first.

Facebook is paying for its mistakes in loss of customer trust — its main asset — and this market punishment has only just begun. It’s obvious to users now that Facebook’s business model isn’t about making the world better, but obtaining information about its customers and profiting from it.

The social media site illustrates the buzz phrase, “If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.” Meaning, Facebook has been giving us a free service because it can monetize our data. We’re the product it’s selling. If we don’t like that, then Facebook can charge us money for its service, as Zuckerberg testified Tuesday.

Facebook will make changes to recover its reputation. Users will have better control over their privacy, perhaps by having to opt in before their data is shared. Zuckerberg outlined other needed reforms: The company will restrict the data it shares with app developers, increase its security and require political advertisers to confirm their identity.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

**Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies before a joint hearing of the Senate Commerce and Judiciary committees Tuesday.**

Would more government regulation make things better? Federal oversight might nominally increase transparency and accountability, but it would mainly make work for lobbyists and lawyers. This is a case where angry customers and newly skeptical investors will be the best cops.

What worries me about the internet is something else. Is the underlying “marketplace of ideas” experiencing market failure? My business of journalism is predicated on the idea that in the unregulated

competition of ideas, the truth will eventually prevail. But this process seems to be breaking down, as the internet fosters a “post-truth” era. The public doesn’t want its biases to be challenged these days, but affirmed.

The corruption of information technology was debated last weekend at a conference at Princeton on “Defending Democracy.” Vint Cerf, who helped build the internet, reminded the audience that it was created to be open, borderless and unregulated. When the web’s founders thought about “bad behavior,” they had in mind rowdy graduate students. A world where Russia’s Internet Research Agency could feed fake news to Facebook was unimaginable — or at least unimaginable.

The information space doesn’t need more government intervention but less, especially in places like Russia and China. But watching Zuckerberg being grilled Tuesday, it was obvious that this market can be better protected by the companies, so that hidden incentives don’t skew it toward extremism and toxicity.

Zeynep Tufekci, a professor at the University of North Carolina, noted at the Princeton conference that algorithms push YouTube viewers toward ever-more-in-the-content. If you keep clicking on videos about running, you’ll eventually get ultra-marathons, she noted. Similarly, if you like Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton videos, algorithms will push you toward more extreme content on the right and left.

It’s not a conspiracy; the algorithms are just maximizing the number of ads they

display to users. Social media companies could address this problem by making their algorithms more transparent.

As we think about Facebook’s failures in combating Russian meddling, we should recall America’s history of overreacting to external threats. The Alien & Sedition Acts of 1798 sought to combat French political meddling; McCarthyism began with legitimate fear of Soviet espionage but led to blacklists and purges. The cure is sometimes worse than the disease.

The market will correct most of Facebook’s problems. What should concern us, beyond fake news, is fake reality — images of events that never happened, voiceprints of speeches that were never delivered, phone calls that were never made, texts that were never sent. The term for these all-too-feasible digital manipulations of audio and video content is “deep fakes.”

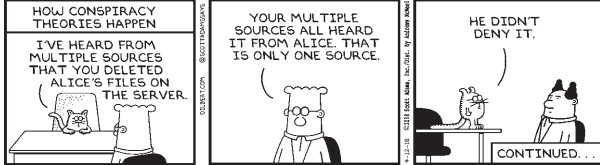
A DARPA media forensics team is creating tools that, in theory, can automatically detect when video or audio images have been altered. I’d be happier if the reality-detection system were operated by private companies. I fear we’re heading toward a world where a future national security adviser, in response to Russian or Chinese deep fakes, might ask: If “they” can shape our reality, do “we” need to be able to shape theirs?

Zuckerberg looked so uncomfortable Tuesday in his coat-and-tie contrition costume, you almost felt sorry for him. He made us realize that the weak link in the internet system isn’t a lack of government oversight, but our own gullibility.

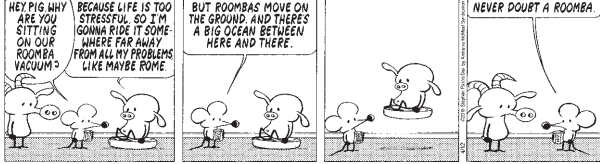
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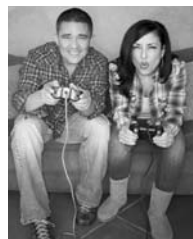
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Howard, CHI	81	255	757	1012	12.5
Towns, MIN	82	234	764	998	12.3

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Westbrook, OKC	79	801	10.1	
James, CLE	81	745	9.2	
Harden, HOU	72	630	8.6	
Simmons, PHL	80	654	8.2	

## SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Briefly

## Brunson leaving for NBA

Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Jalen Brunson, The Associated Press men's college basketball player of the year, has declared for the NBA Draft after winning two national titles at Villanova.

The star guard will forego his final season after helping lead the Wildcats to their second national championship in three years. Brunson averaged 18.9 points and 4.6 assists per game in 40 games for the Wildcats this season.

"Jalen has left an indelible mark on our university and our basketball program," Villanova coach Jay Wright said in a statement. "He is both the consummate Villanova basketball player and Villanova student-athlete, a leader on and off the court. We're proud of the man he has become. This is an intelligent decision and I have every confidence in his ability to succeed at the professional level."

Mikal Bridges, who averaged 17.7 points and 5.3 rebounds for the Wildcats, made the same decision on Monday.

## Hendrick crew chief suspended two races

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has suspended Hendrick Motorsports crew chief Alan Gustafson for two races after Chase Elliott's car was found to have an illegal rear window during the Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway last weekend.

Elliott was docked 20 points, and Gustafson was fined \$50,000. The 20-point penalty drops Elliott from 15th to 18th in the Cup standings.

Hendrick Motorsports says in a statement it won't appeal the penalty. Kenny Francis, a former crew chief for Kasey Kahne, will serve as Elliott's crew chief for the next two races, in Bristol and Richmond.

Hendrick Motorsports attributed the violation to an "unintentional support bracket failure" on the No. 9 Chevrolet. Elliott finished 11th on Sunday.

The second penalty for Elliott's team this year. He was docked 25 points and saw his car chief suspended for two races following a suspension violation last month.

## Police raid international biathlon headquarters

The International Biathlon Union said Wednesday its headquarters have been raided by Austrian police investigating the body's president and secretary general.

The wife of Anders Besseberg, who has been the U.S. president since it was founded in 1993, told The Associated Press the police



JESSICA MIL/AP

Villanova's Jalen Brunson, left, is embraced by teammate Mikal Bridges during a game earlier this year. Brunson, The Associated Press men's college basketball player of the year, has declared for the NBA Draft after winning two national titles at Villanova. Bridges declared Monday that he's going pro.

investigation was related to doping allegations.

The IBU said secretary general Nicole Resch "has requested a leave of absence" because of the investigation, but didn't comment on Besseberg's future. The IBU didn't say what the Austrian Federal Criminal Police was looking for during Tuesday's raid, only that the investigation was "focusing on" Resch and Besseberg.

Wenche Besseberg said the investigation was related to testimony given by Russian doping whistleblower Grigory Rodchenkov. Anders Besseberg was not immediately available for comment.

Norwegian broadcaster NRK published an interview with Rodchenkov on Wednesday in which he said the IBU had colluded with Russian anti-doping authorities to cover up suspicious blood tests by the country's athletes in previous years.

## Cavaliers sign veteran Perkins for playoffs

CLEVELAND — Veteran forward Kendrick Perkins is back with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Cleveland signed Perkins on Wednesday, the final day of the regular season, and will have him on its playoff roster as it tries to make the NBA Finals for the fourth straight year. The 33-year-old Perkins was with the Cavs during their 2015 run to the Finals.

The 6-foot-10 Perkins also was with Cleveland during training camp this season, and spent time with its Canton G-League affiliate. Perkins hasn't played in the NBA since 2016 with New Orleans.

Perkins gives Cleveland some frontcourt depth in case of an injury and another player with postseason experience who can provide leadership.

A 13-year veteran, Perkins has also played for Boston and Oklahoma City. He won a title with the

Celtics in 2008.

In other NBA news:

■ The G League MVP is now eligible for the NBA playoffs.

The Toronto Raptors converted guard Lorenzo Brown's contract to a standard NBA deal on Wednesday, meaning he'll be available to them in the postseason that starts this weekend.

He averaged 18.8 points and 8.9 assists for Raptors 905 this season on his way to winning the G League MVP. In 14 appearances with Toronto this season entering Wednesday, Brown has averaged 2.3 points and 1.1 rebounds.

## Bills' Incognito says he's retiring

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Richie Incognito is abruptly calling it quits on an 11-season NFL career, three years after the Buffalo Bills gave the offensive guard a second chance at playing following his role in the Miami Dolphins' bullying scandal.

The NFL Players Association on Tuesday night announced Incognito had contacted the union of his plans to retire. The announcement made on the NFLPA's Twitter account, came after Incognito revealed his intention to retire through a series of tweets and comments made to several publications throughout the morning.

The 34-year-old said he was "done" in a text to The Associated Press shortly after Sports Illustrated.com reported he was "strongly considering retiring," but would consider returning for one more season at the right price.

Incognito then told The Buffalo News he's retiring because of health reasons.

"I'm done. That's it," Incognito told The News. "Went to the doctor. My liver and kidneys are shutting down. The stress is killing me."

The Bills did not respond to a request seeking comment.

## Kansas, NC State named in scandal

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kansas and North Carolina State are the latest schools to be swept up in a bribery scandal involving college basketball.

A rewritten indictment released Tuesday in New York alleges that an Adidas representative, who no longer works for the company, arranged for payments to parents of athletes willing to commit to the schools.

The refreshed indictment came several months after 10 men were charged in an alleged scheme to bribe assistant coaches in exchange for the scope of the charges, alleging a wire-fraud conspiracy that included alleged payments to families of six student-athletes being recruited by four schools, prosecutors said.

The court papers portrayed the shoe executive and some coaches as bad actors, saying the conspiracy included hiding payments and signing forms falsely asserting that no payments had been made. The indictment paints a picture of transactions that were concealed to allow athletes to make it through eligibility reviews.

Prosecutors said the Adidas representative, James Gatto, and others agreed to pay \$90,000 to the mother of a Kansas recruit and to funnel \$40,000 to the father of a recruit at North Carolina State who was widely regarded as the top high school recruit in the state of North Carolina and who had played for an Adidas-sponsored Amateur Athletic Union team. No players are directly named, but specific details make clear the indictment is describing former North Carolina State star Dennis Smith Jr. and Kansas player Silvio De Sousa.

Prosecutors say money helped secure the players' commitments to play college basketball at the schools and encouraged them to sign an Adidas sponsorship deal when they entered the NBA.

Smith, a point guard, was drafted by the Mavericks and declined comment to The Associated Press on Tuesday night as Dallas played the Phoenix Suns.

A date listed in court papers for the announcement — Aug. 30 — is when De Sousa made a surprise announcement he would play for Kansas. He became a crucial player off the bench this season as the Jayhawks reached the Final Four before losing to eventual champion Villanova.

Kansas coach Bill Self said following the program's year-end banquet Tuesday night that



CHARLIE NEIBERGER/AP

A federal indictment alleges an unnamed college player, readily identifiable as Kansas' Silvio De Sousa, committed to the university after his mother was paid \$90,000 by Adidas.

he would not discuss individual student-athletes. But Self did say that "it certainly took away from what was a nice evening tonight from a thought standpoint."

"It doesn't and shouldn't take away from us feeling good about what is going on within our program," he said, adding that he would allow the school to make any future statements.

Prosecutors said they beefed up charges related to the Louisville conspiracy, adding a wire fraud charge. Louisville declined comment.

N.C. State received a grand jury subpoena in January seeking records involving school officials, its former coaching staff, ex-Wolfpack one-and-done guard Smith and his representatives.

A recent Yahoo Sports report revealed bank records and other expense reports that listed impermissible payments from agents to at least two dozen players or their relatives, including loans of thousands of dollars to Smith.

In a lengthy statement Tuesday evening, N.C. State said its lawyers and athletics compliance staff contacted former coaches after the first indictments were announced in September.

"Former staff questioned stated they had neither any knowledge nor involvement" in activities related to the allegations in the case, the school said in its statement, pledging cooperation with prosecutors and the NCAA.

Joe Monaco, a Kansas spokesman, said the school learned earlier Tuesday that it was named as a victim in the indictment.

"The indictment does not suggest any wrongdoing by the university, its coaches or its staff. We will cooperate fully with investigators in this matter. Because this is an active investigation, it is not appropriate for us to comment further at this time," he said.

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# Betts' slam helps Red Sox rout Yankees

By KYLE HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press

BOSTON — A monster night by Mookie Betts kept the Red Sox rolling.

Betts hit a grand slam and scored five times, leading Chris Sale and Boston over the New York Yankees 14-1 Tuesday for its ninth straight victory. The Red Sox improved to 9-1 for the first time in franchise history.

Betts went 4-for-4 and drove in four runs. His third career slam cleared the Green Monster in left field and capped a nine-run burst in the sixth inning that turned the first matchup of the season between longtime rivals into a rout.

"I just got some good pitches to hit and put some good swings on it today," Betts said. "I think just all of us putting together good at-bats kind wears guys down."

Manager Alex Cora has been pushing his new team to be aggressive in the strike zone. He sat down with Betts this spring and showed the All-Star outfielder how effective he can be when he does.

"A slugger leading off," Cora said. "He's going to make contact. But now he understands that he can do damage in the strike zone."

Betts joined Ken Griffey Jr. (1996) as the only players to have four hits, five runs and four RBIs in a game against the Yankees.

Sale (1-0) allowed one run in six innings,

scattering eight hits. He struck out eight without a walk.

He said the run support helped him settle in.

"The biggest key is it just allows you to go out there and throw strikes," Sale said. "You're not too worried about making mistakes."

Boston's starting pitchers improved to 6-0 on the season on a night in which the temperature dipped into the 30s. Hanley Ramirez went 2-for-2 with three RBIs. Andrew Benintendi added a two-run triple, along with a double.

Luis Severino (2-1) allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Aaron Judge had three hits for the Yankees, a drive off Sale over the center field wall in the fifth for his third home run of the season.

The highest profile acquisitions both showed a little something at the plate after early-season slumps.

Boston's J.D. Martinez went 1-for-5, but had a two-run double in the sixth.

Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton went 2-for-4. He struck out his first two times up against Sale, and has now fanned 22 times in 46 at-bats.

"It's good progress," Stanton said. "We've got two more here, so pick up where I left off here today and get it going."

He said his introduction to the rivalry was "cool."

"Not a cool outcome, but it was cool to



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Boston's Mookie Betts, left, celebrates with Christian Vazquez after scoring on a triple by Andrew Benintendi during the second inning Tuesday against the Yankees.

see the passion and what goes on," he said. Of Boston's nine runs in the sixth, six were unearned.

The Yankees brought in Chasen Shreve with two outs in the inning and runners at first and second. He hit Jackie Bradley Jr.

with the first pitch to load the bases, and Christian Vazquez followed with a grounder that Miguel Andujar botched at third, allowing Martinez to score on the error.

Brock Holt walked and Betts cleared the bases to put the Red Sox up 14-1.

## Roundup

# Carpenter fails at bunt, lifts Cards with home run

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Matt Carpenter doesn't mind some small ball now and then, and takes pride in his bunting.

That said, he wasn't too upset about failing to get one down in the 11th inning Tuesday night.

Two pitches after botching a bunt attempt, Carpenter hit a two-run homer with two outs to lift the St. Louis Cardinals over the Milwaukee Brewers 5-3.

"I was trying to beat out a bunt," Carpenter said. "I'm glad it didn't work."

Carpenter ripped a pitch from J.J. Hoover (0-1) down the right field line for the third game-ending homer of his career. It capped a night in which St. Louis rallied from one-run deficits in the ninth and 10th innings.

"There's always a win every year that's kind of jumpstarts you," Carpenter said. "We haven't been playing them, but we haven't been clicking like we know we're capable of. This might be the game that gets us on a roll."

Domingo Santana singled in Eric Thames to put Milwaukee ahead 2-1 in the ninth inning, but Tommy Pham hit a bunt down the line on a pair of wild pitches by Jacob Barnes to tie it in the bottom of the inning.

After Orlando Arcia singled in a run in the top of the 10th, Greg Garcia made it 3-3 with his own RBI single a half-inning later.

**Giants 5, Diamondbacks 4:** Andrew McCutchen hit a bases-loaded single for his second walk-



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

The Cardinals' Matt Carpenter watches his walk-off home run during the 11th inning Tuesday against the Brewers in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 5-3.

off of San Francisco's homestand.

McCutchen lined the first pitch he got from Jorge De La Rosa (0-1) for a clean single into left-center, his 10th career game-ending hit. His previous walk-off was just last Saturday.

**Blue Jays 2, Orioles 1:** Aaron Sanchez lost his no-hit bid when Baltimore's Tim Beckham led off the eighth inning with a sharp grounder through the legs of third baseman Josh Donaldson, and Curtis Granderson hit a tie-breaking homer in the ninth to carry visiting Toronto.

Seeking to throw the second no-hitter in Blue Jays history —

Dave Stieb did it in 1990 — Sanchez (1-1) gave up three hits in the eighth.

**Mets 8, Marlins 6:** Yoenis Cespedes snapped a slump with a two-run double to break a tie in the ninth inning, giving visiting New York the best 10-game start in franchise history.

The Mets (9-1) earned their seventh consecutive victory, their longest winning streak in two years. Asdrubal Cabrera hit a pair of solo homers for New York, which blew a three-run lead and then came from behind.

**Pirates 8, Cubs 5:** Ivan Nova pitched seven solid innings, Francisco Cervelli hit a three-run homer and Pittsburgh ruined Chicago's home opener.

Not even the presence of Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the 98-year-old chaplain of the Loyola basketball team, could help the Cubs. She threw out a ceremonial first pitch at Wrigley Field.

Corey Dickerson had three hits and two RBIs and Starling Marte also connected as Pittsburgh won for the fourth time in five games. The Pirates' 8-2 record is their best 10-game start since 1992.

**Dodgers 4, Athletics 0:** Hyun-Jin Ryu cruised through six innings of one-hit ball and Corey Seager hit one of three home runs for the host Dodgers.

Ryu (1-0) rebounded from a rocky season debut to shut down Oakland. He struck out eight and walked one, hanging off the bullpen after just 90 pitches. Ryu also walked and singled in two

plate appearances.

**Nationals 4, Braves 1:** Stephen Strasburg threw eight scoreless innings and Ryan Zimmerman had a two-run triple for host Washington.

Strasburg (2-1) allowed three hits and two walks while striking out eight, at one point retiring 12 in a row. He didn't allow a runner past second base.

**Indians 2, Tigers 1:** Roberto Perez hit a leadoff home run in the eighth inning against reliever Alex Wilson, lifting host Cleveland over Detroit.

The Indians beat the Tigers for the ninth straight time.

**Angels 11, Rangers 1:** Mike Trout and Andrelton Simmons each homered, and Albert Pujols had two more hits in his push to 3,000 for host Los Angeles, which is 9-3 for the first time since 1982.

Angels rookie two-way sensation Shohei Ohtani grounded out as a pinch-hitter in the ninth after not playing in the series opener Monday night. Ohtani will DH in the series finale Wednesday.

**Padres 5, Rockies 2:** Joey Lucchesi got his first major league win thanks to a go-ahead three-run homer from Hunter Renfroe in the seventh inning for visiting San Diego.

Lucchesi (1-0) shut down Colorado in his third career start. He struck out eight and allowed just two unearned runs before leaving two batters out in the seventh.

**Phillies 6, Reds 1:** Aaron Nola pitched eight stellar innings and

Scott Kingery hit a grand slam.

Nola (1-0) gave up three hits while striking out six and walking three as host Philadelphia won for the fourth time in five games. The Reds have lost three in a row.

**Twins 4, Astros 1:** Jake Odorizzi grounded through six innings for his first win with host Minnesota, and leadoff man Brian Dozier walked a career-high four times.

Odorizzi (1-0) struggled with control on another cold night in Minnesota but eventually settled in during his first home start since being acquired from Tampa Bay in February. He allowed a run on five walks and five hits.

**Mariners 8, Royals 3:** Felix Hernandez pitched into the sixth inning, Guillermo Heredia homered and Seattle bounced back from a blowout loss to rout host Kansas City.

Hernandez (2-1), who was shelved his last time out in San Francisco, allowed three runs, six hits and a walk in 5 2/3 innings. His only big mistake came in the fourth, when Mike Moustakas turned on a 2-1 pitch and sent a two-run homer screaming into the right-field fountains.

**Rays 6, White Sox 5:** Blake Snell pitched one-hit ball and struck out 10 through six innings and Tampa Bay kept host Chicago winless at home this season.

The White Sox dropped to 0-5 at Guaranteed Rate Field. They have never lost their first six at home in franchise history dating to 1901.

## NHL PLAYOFFS

## Rivalries getting heated

Fighting down in league, but hatred still high between foes

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

Sidney Crosby saw Jakub Voracek's glove on the ice and wasn't going to let his opponent pick it up easily.

Crosby pushed the glove away with his stick and reignited a melee in a good, old-fashioned Pittsburgh-Philadelphia playoff game that featured three fights, way more scrums and 158 penalty minutes. When Crosby was asked afterward why he did it, the Penguins captain responded: "I don't like them. I don't like any guy on their team."

Those were the days. "It was awesome," then-Penguins general manager Ray Shero said. "If you look at it, it was wild. It really was. You had villains on both sides and people that hated each other."

That was six years ago. Is a rivalry still a rivalry in a league that has made a concerted effort against over-the-top hits and where fighting is truly a rare sight?

NHL executive Colin Campbell once famously said the league used to have hate, and at no time is more widely bought, sold, distributed and celebrated than during the Stanley Cup playoffs. The NHL's divisional playoff format was brought back specifically to ignite old rivalries and create new ones, which has been a success. The league even has a "Broad Street Bullies" playoff rivalry that didn't die in the days of the "Broad Street Bullies." Playoff rivalries are no longer about dropping the gloves or laying out bone-crushing hits.

Teams now play fewer regular-season games against each other and are made up of more skilled players and fewer enforcers. Still, thanks to how tight the league is and the volcanic snowball effect of what a playoff series does to hockey players and coaches, rivalries might have a different look but they have plenty of smoldering intensity.

"Playing against teams with high stakes when there's a lot on the line — win or go home — that's how you have rivalries," veteran New Jersey Devils center Brian Boyle said. "When it's us or it's them, that's how you find those rivalries. The same guys for two weeks, you think that's how you build them."

The first round in the Eastern Conference this year already has two old-school rivalries with the Penguins and Flyers meeting in the playoffs for the first time since their epic 2012 showdown, and the western-facing Toronto for the first time since 2013. In the West, Minnesota faces Winnipeg in the first playoff series between the two division rivals, which could heat up fast.

"The best thing about most of them are is the proximity to where they live, the close ones, but I think it needs a good playoff (series) against that individual team



Tom MIHALEK/AP

In this April 15, 2012 photo, the Flyers' Claude Giroux, left, holds on to the Penguins' Sidney Crosby as Kimmo Timonen, right, lands a punch to Crosby's jaw during Game 3 of their first-round playoff series. The NHL's divisional playoff format was brought back specifically to ignite old and create new rivalries.

to create the rivalry full hand." Wild coach Bruce Boudreau said. "Until you play seven games in 14 nights where you learn to hate the opposition."

Playoff series in back-to-back years makes the Penguins and Washington dislike each other plenty, and they'd meet again in the second round if they advance this year. Nashville and Anaheim developed a nontraditional rivalry with intense series the past two playoffs, making that a potentially combustible Western Conference final.

When Predators players think about those Ducks series and other tense ones over the past several years, they know there haven't been a lot of fights — and they're not alone. The past four playoffs have included a total of 39 fights. There were 46 fights in the 1978 postseason alone and an incredible 85 in the 1988 playoffs.

"You get the old scum that turns into a fight and stuff like that, but there's not too much fighting left," Nashville defenseman Ryan Ellis said. "You probably see the amount of blocked shots go up in the playoffs, the amount of hits — the little things that may not be on the stat sheet is kind of what I guess gets your team through the playoffs. It's just little things like that that really is the playoff intensity."

Boyle, who has blocked 113 shots in 106 career playoff games, has seen more fights in blowout games deep into a series than at other times because there's too much at stake to take a retaliatory penalty.

"A lot of times you see a lot of other guys turn the other cheek in a playoff series," Boyle said. "You don't want something like that to make a difference in a series."

Making a difference is more about scoring a big goal than leveling a big hit or punching someone in the face. Look at the Penguins' and Flyers' rosters now and the likes of Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Phil Kessel, Voracek and Claude Giroux are far more likely to beat someone with a slick shot

than their fists.

"I think the game has changed in how it's being played out there," Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan said. "I think personnel has changed. But I think rivalries are rivalries. There's always a heightened emotion associated with the games."

So much so that retired player and former Penguins coach Ed Olczyk said of Penguins-Flyers, "It only takes one player, one comment from somebody, where all bets are off and that gasoline tank will be ignited fairly quickly," Crosby recalls more fights between the teams in the past — he was involved in two six years ago in the game he swatted Voracek's glove away — but doesn't want to downplay the intensity of this rivalry.

"You never know what can happen," Crosby said. "I feel like both teams are always kind of at their best, and there's always a little bit extra in those games."

Capitals defenseman John Carlson said he thinks playoff rivalries have gotten worse because of what players can get away with, the physical toll games take and the memories of the nasty things that happen.

"Those things last forever, really," Carlson said. "I can remember every single playoff series we've played in and this guy made a dirty hit in this game, this guy slashed me for no reason — two-handed me in the back of the legs — in this game, just stuff like that."

Peter Laviolette, who coached the Flyers in that 2012 series and has been with the Predators in emotional series against Anaheim and Chicago, knows that's just how the league wanted it. Where is the fun if everyone likes each other?

"I don't think there's ever been a love lost between Toronto and Boston or Montreal and Boston or Philadelphia and Pittsburgh," Laviolette said. "They wanted those rivalries. They wanted to make sure that those were the matchups in the playoffs. It's been great hockey."



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The Sharks' Evander Kane will make his first playoff appearance after nine seasons in the NHL with four different teams.

## Kane eager for his first run at playoffs

By JOSH DUBOW  
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Evander Kane followed a similar timeline after each of his first eight NHL regular seasons.

Pack up the locker, say goodbye to teammates and get frustrated watching other players compete in the playoffs rather than getting his own opportunity on the big stage.

A late-season trade to San Jose changed all that for Kane, who is excited for his first chance at the postseason after 574 career games when the Sharks open their first-round series in Anaheim on Thursday night.

"I've said it in the past: I think I'm a playoff player," Kane said Monday. "I've watched the playoffs and when I look at the style of play and it's something I was jealous because I wasn't involved in it. Now I get that opportunity and I have to back those words up."

Kane has had plenty of personal success since making his debut for Atlanta as an 18-year-old in 2009 after being the fourth overall pick that year. But his teams never had success in Atlanta, Winnipeg or Buffalo and he always spent the spring as a spectator rather than as a participant.

He joins a franchise that has been a playoff regular, making the postseason for the 13th time in the past 14 seasons under general manager Doug Wilson, including a run to the Stanley Cup Final two years ago.

"Fans and players in this organization are spoiled when it comes to that," center Logan Couture said. "You make the playoffs 13 of 14 years — obviously it starts at the top with Doug and the coaching staffs they've brought in here. It's pretty remarkable really to make the playoffs that many times. I missed it once and it's devastating when you miss it. We're lucky to play for this organization."

That's why Kane was so excited about the trade to San Jose on Feb. 26 for two draft picks and a prospect.

Kane has made a big impact on the Sharks since arriving. He

stepped right onto the top line with captain Joe Pavelski and has used his speed and physical play to deliver nine goals and five assists in 17 games.

His presence sparked an eight-game winning streak in March that helped San Jose clinch a playoff berth and he has helped fill a scoring void created when Patrick Marleau left as a free agent for Toronto last summer and then Joe Thornton went down with a knee injury in January.

"In the short period he's been here, he's brought speed which backs teams off, he's brought a physical presence, which keeps some people honest," coach Peter DeBoer said. "For me, the biggest thing is he's probably added a goal a night for us. When Patty Marleau left, and we asked guys to take a step, you're not scoring as much as you normally would, and there was a lot of 2-1 games and we found a way to battle things out. Eventually, Jumbo going down, it started to catch up with us. That extra goal a game that he's added to our lineup, whether it's him scoring himself or creating a goal, that's a difference in this league."

Kane was hampered late in the season by an undisclosed injury that forced him to miss two games before returning for the season finale against Minnesota on Saturday.

Kane didn't look like his usual self that game but said it was important to get rid of some "cobwebs" before the playoffs started and he gets the chance to back up his belief that he can thrive at this time of year.

"It's a fast, hard-nosed game," he said. "The intensity ramps up and the style of play. It's hard to score. There are a lot of 2-1 games, 3-2 games, and you have to find different ways to score. I've always prided myself on being able to score in different ways and I think the physical element as well. That's a big part of the playoffs. Guys who have 20 hits all year the next thing you know they have 20 hits in two games. It's definitely a different animal and I'm looking forward to experiencing it."

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## Dirty: Hornqvist could play pivotal playoff role

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aren't for the meek — a 5-foot-11, 189-pound stockpile of kinetic energy. In the process, he's become arguably the best of the net-front masters that will play a pivotal role in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Hornqvist scored 29 times this season for the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions, most of them coming from in tight. Some on deflections. Others on rebounds. Others still when he managed to thrust his stick in the middle of chaos and find the order in it. Oh, and the puck, too.

They call the corners and the front of the net the "dirty area." Maybe, but beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Especially in the postseason.

"Usually it's not the pretty goal that wins the game," said Predators forward Scott Hartnell, no stranger to the mosh pit that doubles as the area just outside the goal crease. "It's the one-two-three-four whacks on it and it goes in."

The goal that propelled the Penguins to a second title last June came not from Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin or Kris Letang but by Hornqvist doing what he does as well as anyone in the NHL — collecting Justin Schultz's shot off the end boards then banking it into Nashville's Pekka Rinne and into the net late in Game 6 of the 2017 Stanley Cup Final.

"I love to be where it's hot, especially in those areas in front of the net," Hornqvist said. "It's probably the best place to be."

And, in a weird way, it's a pretty effective path to career longevity. Hornqvist just signed a five-year contract extension over the winter. Hartnell will turn 36 later this month. Tampa Bay's Chris Kunitz — who filled a role similar to Hornqvist's while helping the Penguins to three Cups before

joining the Lightning — played in all 82 games this year for the Eastern Conference's top seed at age 38.

Pain, it turns out, has its perks. Washington's Tom Wilson, just 24, points to players like Hornqvist and Philadelphia's Wayne Simmonds as role models of sorts.

"(Simmonds) will tip the puck, he'll turn and he'll find it," Wilson said. "He's strong enough to be able to get two or three chances. And you've got to be strong enough in order to be able to do something with it after you find it."

It goes beyond putting the puck in the net. Hornqvist, Hartnell and the rest can be just as effective doing things that never show up on a goal sheet, be it creating a screen or occupying a pair of defenders or simply refusing to get out of the way.

"There's obviously the guys that work well with the shooter, moving screens, on the same page," Washington goaltender Braden Holtby said. "And then there's just the guys that they just get in there and kind of frustrate you and run interference and stuff like that. It's more those tiny little jobs that throw you off balance that the ref or no one else sees."

Hornqvist does it all. Rookie forward Zach Aston-Reese marvels at Hornqvist's ability to both use his stick "like an axe" while absorbing all manner of abuse without letting his frustration get the best of him.

"We played Washington and he had three guys punching him in the head and for him to be like cool, calm and collected and not retaliate, not drop his gloves," Aston-Reese said. "There's a huge mental capacity to it."

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Washington Capitals right wing Tom Wilson, top right, vies for the puck against Nashville Predators goaltender Juuse Saros, left, during their game on April 5 in Washington. At 24, Wilson has patterned his game after Patric Hornqvist and Wayne Simmonds.



Goaltender Keith Kinkaid took primary duties in late January after starter Cory Schneider was injured and helped carry the Devils over the final two-plus months and into their first playoffs since 2012.

## Terrible season, drought just a memory for Devils

By TOM CANAVAN  
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The worst season in nearly three decades is just a recent memory, and so is the five-year drought.

The New Jersey Devils are back in the playoffs, and again in the hunt for the Stanley Cup. It's like old times.

The Devils completed a remarkable comeback season by beating the Toronto Maple Leafs 2-1 on April 5 to clinch their first postseason berth since making it to the Stanley Cup Final in 2012.

It capped an offseason and regular season that saw general manager Ray Shero reshape half his 25-man roster through free agency, the draft and trades and have John Hynes make all the right moves to keep his team in a playoff position every day of the season.

Not bad for a club that won 28 games and finished last in the Eastern Conference in 2016-17.

"This is the best, the best," said veteran defenseman Ben Lovejoy, who won a Stanley Cup with Pittsburgh in 2016. "My first stint in Pittsburgh and Anaheim and then again in Pittsburgh, I never appreciated what baseball players did. I thought it was stupid when they would come in and have champagne when they made the playoffs. I get it now. Making the playoffs is hard."

The Devils can point to so many players in bouncing back from their worst season since 1988-89. Taylor Hall (39 goals, 54 assists)

## Scoreboard

## First round

(Best-of-seven; x if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Tampa Bay vs. New Jersey	Nashville vs. Colorado		
Thursday at Tampa Bay	Thursday at Nashville		
Saturday at Tampa Bay	APN-Sports2, 9:30 a.m. Friday CET, 10:30 a.m. Friday JKT		
Monday at New Jersey	Saturday at Nashville		
Wednesday, April 18 at New Jersey	Monday at Colorado		
x-Saturday, April 21 at Tampa Bay	Wednesday, April 18 at Colorado		
x-Monday, April 23 at New Jersey	x-Friday, April 20 at Nashville		
x-Wednesday, April 25 at Tampa Bay	x-Sunday, April 22 at Nashville		
Boston vs. Toronto	x-Tuesday, April 24 at Nashville		
Thursday at Boston	Wednesday vs. Minnesota		
APN-Sports2, 1 a.m. Friday CET, 8 a.m. Friday JKT	Friday at Winnipeg		
Saturday at Boston	Friday at Winnipeg		
Monday at Toronto	Sunday at Minnesota		
x-Saturday, April 21 at Toronto	Tuesday at Minnesota		
x-Monday, April 23 at Toronto	Wednesday, April 20 at Winnipeg		
x-Wednesday, April 25 at Boston	x-Sunday, April 22 at Minnesota		
Washington vs. Columbus	x-Wednesday, April 25 at Winnipeg		
Thursday at Washington	Wednesday vs. Los Angeles		
Sunday at Washington	Friday at Vegas		
Thursday at Washington	Sunday at Los Angeles		
Wednesday, April 19 at Columbus	Tuesday at Los Angeles		
x-Saturday, April 21 at Washington	x-Sunday, April 22 at Vegas		
x-Monday, April 23 at Columbus	x-Saturday, April 21 at Los Angeles		
x-Wednesday, April 25 at Washington	x-Monday, April 23 at Vegas		
Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia	Wednesday at Anaheim		
Wednesday at Pittsburgh	Saturday at Anaheim		
Sunday at Philadelphia	Monday at San Jose		
x-Friday, April 20 at Pittsburgh	x-Friday, April 20 at Anaheim		
x-Tuesday, April 24 at Pittsburgh	x-Sunday, April 22 at San Jose		
	x-Tuesday, April 24 at Anaheim		

had a career year that teammates feel merits the Hart Trophy as the league MVP. Top draft pick Nico Hischier overcame a slow start to have 20 goals and 52 points. Free agent Will Butcher set a team record for rookie defensemen with 44 points.

The unsung hero was goaltender Keith Kinkaid, who stepped for an injured Cory Schneider and carried the team over the final 10 weeks, going 10-1-1 in the last 12 games and helping the New York-

metropolitan area avoid being shut out of the postseason for the first time since the Devils took up residence in New Jersey in 1982.

"It's a different skill set and youth," said Shero, who also strengthened the team during the season by acquiring defenseman Sami Vatanen and forwards Michael Grabner and Patrick Maroon in trades. "But they had to fight, they clawed and scraped to get what they've got and they've earned it."



## SPORTS



## Nine in a row

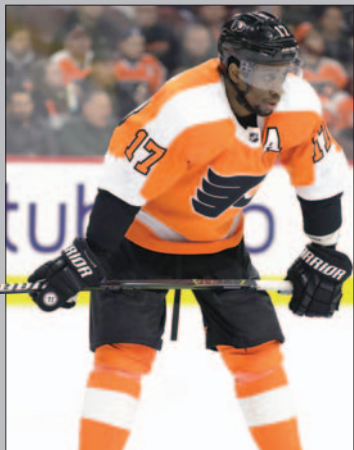
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The Pittsburgh Penguins' Patric Hornqvist, left, has made a career out of taking abuse in front of the opposing net.

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MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Philadelphia Flyers' Wayne Simmonds has become a role model to the younger players because of his gritty play both in front of the net and in the corners.

# DIRTY WORK

## Net-front guys play vital role

By WILL GRAVES  
Associated Press

**T**here's a bit of masochist in Patric Hornqvist. Has to be.  
How else to explain the thrill the Pittsburgh Penguins forward gets by planting himself in front of an opposing net and daring someone — be it a goaltender or defender typically within a stick's reach of him — to move him out of the way by any means necessary?

Over the course of three periods on a given night, Hornqvist will be punched, pushed, slashed (both legally and illegally) and generally treated as a piñata on skates. And here's

the thing. He likes it. A lot. The smile on his face even as he's being chopped to the ice is a dead giveaway.

"I think he finds comfort in being a pain in the neck," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said.

Sure, it's not quite the career path the 31-year-old envisioned while growing up in Sweden, where the larger international ice sheets provided Hornqvist plenty of room to do as he pleased. That space has disappeared in the NHL, where the ice surface is smaller, the players bigger and faster, and the goals far harder to come by.

So Hornqvist has carved out a niche by volunteering to get to the places on the ice that

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